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P. J. BOLAND.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NO FAMINE IN YUKON.

Major Rucker's Official Report Today Says Danger Has Been Overestimated.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—The report of Maj. J. H. Rucker of the fourth cavalry, who was sent to Dyea by the war department to ascertain the condition of affairs in the Yukon, was received today by General Merriam at the Vancouver barracks. From his interview with those who have come out from Dawson recently and from his observations of the Chilkoot and White passes, Major Rucker concludes that the danger of famine has been overestimated. He also makes several valuable suggestions on methods of relief.

The points of the report are in brief as follows: "First, that while there is a shortage of stores in the Yukon basin, a state of famine does not at present exist, nor is it likely to exist in the immediate future. Second, that a large expedition with quantities of supplies hauled on sledges by horses or reindeer could not proceed down the Yukon fur-

ther than the foot of Lake Labarge, 400 miles from Dawson. Third, that reindeer on such an expedition are not more serviceable than are mules or horses. Fourth, that if the government assistance is conspicuously needed in Yukon, it will be when the stores now in the hands of people are exhausted, which is not likely, from what he can learn, to be earlier than April or May.

Major Rucker therefore recommends that if the snow locomotive company which has a contract with the government to not convey relief into the Yukon during February, government pack trains with sledges should carry them across the Chilkoot Pass and down the lakes and rivers to the foot of Lake Labarge during the month of March, and there await breaking up of ice in the Yukon. The supplies could then be taken to Dawson city in boats.

POSTPONED A WEEK.

Fitness of Mr. McKenna For Supreme Bench Discussed In Senate.

Opposition Said to Be Instigated by A. P. A.

The Senior Massachusetts Senator Declares Against Un-American Proceedings.

Washington, Jan. 15.—When the senate went into executive session yesterday the report on the nomination of Attorney General McKenna to be a justice of the supreme court was called up by Senator Hoar, who asked for immediate action.

Senator Allen objected to present consideration, saying that he thought that more time ought to be taken in view of the charges made. He said he did not desire to cause any great delay. Senators Hoar and White replied, taking a position for prompt action. The debate upon Mr. McKenna's nomination was precipitated by Senator Hoar, chairman of the committee on judiciary, who called up the nomination in accordance with his notice of Thursday and asked for immediate action. He spoke briefly of the opposition to Mr. McKenna, saying that the judiciary committee had investigated most of the charges made and had reached the conclusion that they were without foundation. He said that the greater number of charges had been made by the members of the American Protective association, and that, as they had been founded solely upon the fact that Mr. McKenna was a Catholic in religion, they were not worthy of serious consideration. He dwelt at some length upon this point, exhorting any man who would attempt to inject a question of religion into a controversy over a man's fitness for office. He said that such an effort was entirely un-American and unpatriotic and should not for a moment receive the consideration of fair minded men.

Senator White of California also spoke of the effort of the A. P. A. to interfere with the course of the senate in giving proper attention to a question, the determination of which should depend upon the considerations of fitness and justice as between man and man, rather than upon an appeal to bigotry, prejudice and false patriotism. He spoke of the A. P. A.'s as a body who could not be properly characterized in the senate. He had no patience with men who held the opinion that Catholics must necessarily consult the pope or some other high functionary of the Catholic church in every important transaction of their lives. While he did not contend that Mr. McKenna was a giant in his legal attainments, still he believed him to be an honorable man, a competent lawyer and a just jurist, and he would support his confirmation.

Here Mr. Allen interposed an objection to immediate action. When his request for two weeks' delay was met with refusal he gave his reasons for the request, which were, in the main, that he wanted, and thought the senate should have, more time for consideration than had been given to it. He called attention to the importance of the office to which Mr. McKenna had been named, saying that the senate and the public had a right to demand that the charges should be sifted to the bottom. He said that, so far as the opposition of the A. P. A. was concerned, it did not influence him, and he agreed with all that had been said as to the improbability of any interference in a matter of this character on account of religious prejudices. There was still other charges which were to his mind far more serious. He read from letters and newspapers attacking Mr. McKenna's record as an attorney and jurist on the ground of want of legal attainments.

The greater part of Mr. Allen's speech was devoted to reading these documents. He called especial attention to an attack made by the bar of the Pacific coast which, he said, was deserving of more scrutiny than had been given it. He also stated that he had understood that the charge had been made that large corporations had been instrumental in securing Mr. McKenna's nomination. He thought this also should be looked into more thoroughly than the senate

was given opportunity to do. He disclaimed any intention to foster any of the charges made, but asserted that his sole purpose was to secure time for their proper investigation.

It was 4:30 o'clock before an agreement was reached for concluding the McKenna matter at the sitting on next Friday. By general consent the senate postponed consideration of the Hawaiian treaty until next Monday.

Among the nominations confirmed by the senate yesterday was that of ex-Senator Tabor of Colorado to be postmaster at Denver. Senator Wolcott asked for action immediately on the opening of the executive session and there being no objection he was confirmed without delay.

House Proceedings.

Washington, Jan. 15.—It was the intention of the house managers to proceed with the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill yesterday, but owing to the excited condition of affairs in Havana and the widely exaggerated reports afterwards, they decided to avoid the possibility of opening up a Cuban debate by relinquishing the day to the committee on claims in charge of bills on the present calendar. Before this order was entered upon, the agricultural bill was passed.

Most of the day was consumed in a filibuster against a bill to pay the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Nashville, \$258,000 for the seizure and use of the property of that corporation during the war. The opposition consumed the time until 6 o'clock, when the house adjourned.

Concerning Hawaii.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Lorin A. Thurston, formerly Hawaiian minister to the United States, and at present in this city as the republic's representative in behalf of the annexation treaty, made the following statement relative to President Dole's mission to the United States: "The Hawaiian legislature meets in February. If annexation takes place that the national treasury could not support two strikes at the same time.

When it came to the decisive vote, printed ballots were distributed, and only men running a pair of miles were allowed to vote. The ballot was taken by corporations, in alphabetical order, and took half an hour.

The result was: No, 177; Yes, 64. It meant work for 15,000 people.

In Rhode Island.

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 15.—The weavers of the Lonsdale mill at Lonsdale held a meeting last night at Valley Falls, and after discussing the labor situation and the shutdown, voted not to strike. The meeting, however, represented only 400 of the 2500 employees of the mill, and it is not known what action the others will take. It is thought, however, that they will follow the weavers and accept the shutdown.

The meeting last night was secret and delegates were present from the New England Federation of Weavers of Fall River, the National Association of Textile Workers of Weymouth and from the Ashton and Berkley mills.

There was a strike sentiment in the meeting, but it was not strong and quickly succumbed to the majority, who favored more conservative action. It was decided, however, to refuse to work more than the ordinary number of looms, as the added loom would throw out one-fifth of the help. It was stated at the meeting that the Lonsdale company will not insist on the additional loom.

The committee appointed to wait upon the company's officers reported that no concessions would be made and that the cut would surely go into effect on Monday. The weavers at the close of the meeting voted to join the New England Federation of Weavers.

The Ashton weavers will meet this evening, and it is thought that similar action will be taken and that there will be no strike in any of the Lonsdale company's mills.

Situation at Lewiston.

Lewiston, Me., Jan. 15.—The card grinders and speed tenders of this city voted last evening not to strike when the 10 percent reduction of wages goes into effect in the mills Monday. This action was taken on the advice of the secretary of the National Textile union of America, who counseled the local union to be guided by the action of the Lewiston Mule Spinners' union. A delegation from the mule spinners was present at the meeting and reported that they had decided not to strike until they had trouble at New Bedford is settled. As it now looks the weavers of the Androscooggin mills will be the only ones who will resist the reduction of wages Monday, and, as they have no organization, their action is considered to be unwise.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Canvass of House Completed Today Shows That the Changes Will Go Through.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The canvass of Republican members of the house of representatives on the question of changing the civil service law, which has been conducted by the Republican "steering committee," is about completed today. Of the 202 Republican members of the house, the canvass is said to show that a majority varying from 18 to 40 is favorable to changes in the law according to the degree of change proposed. This last factor leads to some difference of opinion as to the result of the canvass.

Representative Pearson of North Carolina, a member of the committee, places the number of Republicans who can be depended upon at 115. Mr. Evans of Kentucky, another member of the committee, places the number at 138. Both estimates are based on the canvass, the difference being due to the attitude of certain doubtful members. As a whole the

result gives satisfaction to those who have made the canvass. The say that in a number of cases entire state delegations are shown by the canvass to favor the changes in the law. This is the case in the state delegations of North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, and New Hampshire. In other cases the canvass shows that practically entire delegations are for the changes.

Theaters Open in Havana.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Up to noon today the state department has received no advices under today's date from Consul General Kee at Havana. Late last night Gen. Lee sent a dispatch saying that everything was quiet and that the theaters and places of amusement were open.

SITUATION IN DOUBT.

Textile Operatives of Biddeford Get Poor Consolation.

No Sign of Yielding by New Bedford Weavers.

Rhode Island Workers Not Inclined to Strike Just at Present.

Biddeford, Me., Jan. 15.—The labor situation here is one of great doubt, with the textile operatives generally in favor of resisting the shutdown by a strike. The conferences of the committees representing the Dressers and the Spinners' unions with Agent McArthur of the Pepperell and Laconia mills yesterday were without result, except that Mr. McArthur has gone to Boston to confer with the corporation directors. There is much agitation, as a crisis seems impending among the 2500 operatives of the two corporations.

The conferences of the labor committees were held with Agent McArthur in the counting room, when many things were discussed. Mr. McArthur said that he was sorry in not being able to grant the request for a continuation of the present scale of wages. The shutdown would have to go into effect.

After the committee left the counting room their failure became quickly known and strike talk was indulged in throughout the mills. The more conservative operatives say they had expected a temporary concession, at least, in order that the effect of the shutdown elsewhere might have been seen.

Agent McArthur, when seen by reporters, declined to discuss mill matters. Soon after this he left for Boston.

The citizens of Biddeford are anxious that no strike occur, and they also deplore the shutdown. The operatives express willingness to work only four days a week if over-production is the cause, as they are given to understand. The action of labor unions elsewhere is closely watched and if there is to be a strike all departments of mill help will be immediately organized.

WILL NOT GO TO WORK.

New Bedford Weavers Insist Upon Having Grievances Adjusted.

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 15.—Adelphi rink was crowded last night to its utmost capacity, about 2000 men and women attending the mass meeting of the union and non-union weavers of the city. The action of the union in voting to strike was endorsed by a hearty vote, and it was voted to stay out until the abuses claimed by the weavers are corrected.

The weavers demand: First, a restoration of wages;

Second, the abolition of the firing system;

Third, the adoption of a uniform price list in all the mills of the city.

Speeches were made by Secretary Hart, President Gunneen and others. It was the sentiment of all that the weavers would not go to work Monday, even if the notices were taken down today.

The union and non-union card and picker room operatives had another mass meeting last night, and it was largely attended. The vote to resist the shutdown was unanimous.

At a meeting of the joint arbitration committee of the board of trade and the city council last evening the following resolution was adopted:

"At a joint meeting of the committees of arbitration of the city government and board of trade it is unanimously resolved:

"That, taking into consideration the momentous issues to our city involved in the present controversy between the manufacturers and operatives, and the far reaching and calamitous consequences of a strike, the meeting earnestly requests the manufacturers, in the interest of the city, to postpone the shutdown in wages for another week, in the hope that some adjustment satisfactory to both parties may meanwhile be effected."

Copies of the resolution were sent to each cloth mill treasurer the first thing this morning. Had the weavers confined themselves to the original proposition to strike for the removal of 10 percent reduction, there might have been some chance of a concession on the part of the treasurers, but now it is conceded

that nothing but a miracle can avert the strike, and miracles don't grow on bushes in New Bedford.

Richard P. Barry of the state board of arbitration came to this city yesterday to head up the wounds caused by the indignation of the operatives who were excluded from the conference between the state board and the manufacturers on Tuesday. He met Secretary Hart of the Weavers and Secretary Waldron of the Carders' union with the result that all differences were adjusted, and as Mr. Barry said, "We now shake hands across the bloody chasm."

Won't Strike.

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 15.—There will be no strike at Lowell. The vote was taken in the Spinners' union at 11:30 o'clock last night and stood 177 opposed, to 64 favoring a strike. Two police officers assisted the committee in admitting only members.

The meeting was called to order by David Cordingley, the president, at 8 o'clock. It opened with great excitement, and gave promise of causing trouble. There were angry words, motions and counter-motions, and failures to obey the orders of the chair, until the president finally threw down the gavel and would no longer serve. He withdrew to an ante-room, and Martin Burns, the vice president, assumed the chair and presided for the rest of the meeting.

There were two points about which the debate swung for a long time. National Secretary Ross sent word not to strike, but to assist New Bedford. This was one. It was stated that the published statement of a mill agent that the shutdown would amount to from 5 to 7 percent was not sustained by the schedule posted in the Merrimack mills. That was the other.

It was argued that Lowell should go on organizing all its departments as New Bedford had done and support the strike there as bearing directly upon the manufacturers in Lowell. It was shown there will necessarily be some legislation to adopt the laws to the changed conditions. If it is not to take place, the refunding of the bonded debt will probably be taken up, which could not be done if annexation is to take place. The present bonds draw 6 per cent interest and can be taken up at any time. The entire debt can be refunded at from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent by the present government. There being no cable communication, and the mails being so slow and so far apart, the information obtained by letter being at best unsatisfactory, President Dole determined to come to Washington and observe the conditions for himself, in order to guide him in making recommendations to the legislature."

Government Cannot Help.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—General Merriam, commanding the department of the Columbia, yesterday received a dispatch from the war department instructing him to postpone the departure of the relief expedition to Alaska. Accordingly the contract to ship the expedition from this port on the steamship Oregon, Jan. 23, has been withdrawn. It is understood that the postponement is due to reports that there is no starvation or suffering in the Yukon country that the government expedition could relieve.

Governor Delehanty.

New York, Jan. 15.—The board of trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor last evening elected Lieutenant Commander Daniel Delehanty, now executive officer of the United States battleship Texas, governor of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, in place of Former Governor Trask, who resigned after the board has investigated charges of cruelty and mismanagement preferred against him. Delehanty's salary as governor will be \$5000 a year and a residence.

Letter's Big Deal.

Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—Big shipments of grain are reported as being scheduled to arrive here from Chicago. It is coming at the rate which is equivalent to 6 cents a bushel, though the usual rate to Philadelphia from Chicago is 10 1/4 to 10 1/2 cents a bushel. It is gossip among commission men that the wheat is Letter's and is destined as cargoes for steamers which are under contract to load at this port during this and next month.

THE WEATHER INDICATIONS.

The storm now threatening from the south promises cloudy weather, with rain or snow well into Sunday. While it will be warmer with southerly winds Sunday morning, the winds will probably shift to the northwesterly by afternoon, with clearing, colder weather, and fair Sunday night and Monday, probably with temperatures from 10 to 15 degrees below the freezing point on Monday morning.

Green Tag Sale

Beginning today until our annual inventory, February 1st, we employ the green tag to announce the liberal reduction on Suits, Overcoats, Reefers, etc. The green tag also appears in our boys' department, second floor, and parents will do well to take immediate advantage of it.

A few staple goods are not marked down, but everything else is cut

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In the light of an advance of fully 25 per cent in the market value of the Cutting-made production since it was placed on our counters and marked, this makes remarkable buying. A close inspection of our real reduction will reveal excellent values compared to any fictitious sale. Sale continues through January, but first selections are best. Seasonable surprises in every nook and crook of Cutting's crowded corner.

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SUITS—15, 16, 18, 20, and \$25.
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AT WILLIAMSTOWN

Interest Revived in the Reed Murder Mystery—Mr. Stevens Slowly Recovering—Talking About a Sheriff—Ice Elevator Works Well.

Talking about a Sheriff.

The talk about a successor to Sheriff Eldridge has begun and the topic will be one of general interest until Mr. Eldridge resigns and his successor is appointed. So far as known no candidate has entered the field, but among the men who are mentioned for the office are Joseph Walden and Constables Joseph Fairweather and C. A. Brown. Mr. Walden was prominently mentioned for the office two years ago, but refused to allow the use of his name, and it is not known whether he would accept the appointment now. It is believed that either Mr. Brown or Mr. Fairweather would make a good sheriff, but it is not certain that either would take the office. Some think C. D. Phelps would be a good selection, but locality would rule him out unless he moved into the village, as his home is over two miles from the center. The people want the appointment to go to a good Republican and good man, and one whose home is near enough to the center to make him easily available when his services are required.

The Reed Murder Case.

The article in Thursday's TRANSCRIPT regarding the Reed murder mystery, and showing that the murderer or murderers might possibly be found in this town, created a great deal of interest and was the chief topic of conversation Friday. The people here took great interest in the case at the time of the murder, as Mr. Reed was well known by many in this town, and there has been a strong hope that whoever perpetrated the foul deed would sooner or later be brought to light. The people hate to think the crime was committed by any one living here, but if such was the case the quicker it is known the better they will be suited. All are now anxiously awaiting further developments.

Ice Elevator Works Well.

F. H. Daniels is greatly pleased with his new ice elevator, which works perfectly and very rapidly. He has used it only one day, but on that day he stored 800 tons. The cakes of ice went into the house in a perfect stream and nine men had to hustle to take care of it as fast as it came. This ice was taken from the Boston Finishing work's reservoir. Mr. Daniels hopes to begin cutting on his pond Monday. He will put up about 3,500 tons this winter, including what he cuts at the Glen reservoir.

Is Recovering Slowly.

Frank Stevens, son of A. M. Stevens, is slowly recovering from the painful injury he sustained three weeks ago, when a two-horse wagon loaded with wood ran over his ankle. It was remarkable that no bones were broken. The ankle was terribly bruised, and Mr. Stevens has been laid up ever since. He is now just getting out on crutches, and it will be considerable time yet before recovery is complete.

Mr. Eldridge's Appointment Confirmed.

The senate Friday confirmed the appointment of G. A. Eldridge as postmaster.

William Reed of Riverside is laid up with the mumps, and Ira McClen, living in the same part of the town, is very sick with the disease.

John Barney Wright started out recently to hunt for the bear that got away with one of his traps several weeks ago. He drove as far as the Forks and struck into the woods, but the snow was so deep he could not trail and he had to give up the hunt.

The whist party and social held Friday evening by the Father Mathew society was well attended and greatly enjoyed by the members and their friends.

The Guilford organ recital in North Adams Friday night was held by a large number of people from the town who were enthusiastic over the wonderful work of the great musician.

Quite a number of young people went to North Adams Friday night to attend the hop given by the Pastime social club in Grand Army hall, and all reported a good time.

Mrs. L. A. Hunt, whose leg was broken six weeks ago today, sat up a little while Thursday for the first time since the accident, and is now up for a short time each day.

L. A. Hunt & Son have added a circular saw to their equipment and will deal in stove wood as well as feed and grain.

F. H. Daniels has a parrot which promises to develop unusually well. The bird is now only three years old, yet it is already a pretty good talker and great whistler. Mr. Daniels says parrots do not usually talk much till they are five or six years old, and he thinks this bird is an extra good one. He bought the bird a year and a half ago in New York of a sailor who brought it from Brazil.

Mrs. Dwight Cronk, who operated an incubator with good success last year, has ordered another which will soon be received. Her operations will be enlarged this year and she expects to raise a large number of chickens for the Williamstown and North Adams markets.

The new drug room at the Boston Finishing works is nearly finished. The roof has been put on this week.

C. B. Cook returned Friday from Bennington, Vt., where he had been visiting for two days with his daughter, Mrs. George H. Moore.

The outside of S. J. Kellogg's new house is being painted by Samuel Starkweather. Edmund B. Noel has bought of his wife the goods in the Victor Noel store on Cole avenue, which were sold at auction some weeks ago by Sheriff Frink of North Adams, and will turn them into cash as soon as possible. Mr. Noel does not yet know whether he will continue the business or not.

The installation of the officers of Green River grange, which was to have taken place January 5, was postponed to next Wednesday evening, January 19. A social time will be had after the installation exercises and it is possible that a supper will be served, as has been the custom of the order on these occasions.

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THEY SAY!

And Thousands Echo Their Sentiments.

Who? The people. What the people say is true. You can bet your life on that. Who are the people? We are the people. But we are not all of them. O, no! Not by any means. There are others. There are thousands of them. There are millions! Lots of them in North Adams. And they say—

What? That California Catarrh Cure cures catarrh; that it stops hawking and spitting and the dropping into the throat; that it cures the stuffed up feeling and all the other irritating symptoms.

Here is what one of them says, only one, but remember, there are others. Frank Gadd & Co., 25 South street, painter and paper hanger, familiar to North Adams people, says: "The way that California Catarrh Cure has relieved my headaches and stopped the dropping into my throat is wonderful. Being troubled with catarrh, I went to Burlington & Darby's drug store and got a bottle, and from it use can truly testify to its great merits."

California Catarrh Cure for you, too. In case of colds it is invaluable, as it helps in breaking them up, and entirely prevents a cold "hanging on," as well as the attacks of acute catarrh which so often follow a severe cold in the head. To avoid Hay Fever in its season, used now, it will prevent the malady in its season. Get California Catarrh Cure. Nothing else is as good, no matter who says so; for nothing else cures so quickly. All dealers, 50 cents, three times as much for \$1.

THE LISTENER.

Lasker, the chess champion, is studying mathematics at the University of Heidelberg.

Senator William B. Bate of Tennessee began life as an underclock on a Mississippi river steamboat.

Rev. Dr. John Watson (Jan. MacLaren) has declined the call from a Presbyterian church in London and will remain in Liverpool.

Bil-Nye is the name of the proprietor of a barber shop at Beaver Falls, Pa., and the owner takes great delight in painting it all over the building he occupies.

Lord Mansfield has been a member of the London Carlton club continuously since 1832. Gladstone joined the club in 1833, but left it in 1859 for political reasons.

Mr. Bradley Martin finished the shooting season at his Scotch estate, Balmuccian, by a five days' shoot, which resulted in a bag of 5,400 head of game. There were ten gunners.

Mr. Lewis Hall, who died recently in Cambridge, was the man who helped Garrison out of the carpenter shop when his life was threatened by the mob during the famous Garrison riots.

Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, the Brooklyn divine, once wrote to Thomas Carlyle, asking for an interview, and received a characteristic note in reply. It said simply: "Three p. m., T. C."

Justice Horace Gray, of the United States supreme court, will be privileged to retire next March, when he will reach the age of 70. But as he is in vigorous health he will probably continue in active service.

Governor Powers of Maine says that when he was a young justice of the peace he married a couple, later secured them a divorce, married the man to another woman, secured them a divorce and later remarried the original couple.

William Harper, chief of the bureau of information of the Philadelphia commercial museum, has arrived home after a trip around the world taken in the interest of the museum and the commercial organizations of Philadelphia.

President Cleveland could not dictate any matter which required consecutive thought and always wrote his messages entirely. President McKinley, however, can take a half hour now and then from his duties and dictate his messages and correspondence to a stenographer.

Lewis Water, who lives in Mount Pleasant township, Adams county, Pa., has had 27 funerals in his family, having buried 2 wives and 19 children. He has 8 children living, making 27 in all. He is a showman, has lived nearly all his life in a showman's camp and is about 70 years old.

Carl Meyer, who has been the right hand man of the Rothschilds' London house for many years, has announced that he is soon to retire, alleging ill health as a reason. But men in the "city" say that he has been offered a partnership in another house. His salary from the Rothschilds was \$40,000 a year.

A Merry War.

The merry war between the respective advocates of chain and chainless wheels continues. All persons with pet theories on the subject would do well to cease contention for the present. The new riding season will soon open, and its disclosures will settle the question permanently.—American Cyclist.

The Earth Wants Him.

Strange as it may seem, the novice bicycle rider does not want the earth. Not at all. The trouble is that the earth wants him and is sure to get him, too, sooner than is good for the enamel on his new wheel and the skin on his knees and elbows.—Canadian Wheelman.

COLLEGE OARSMEN.

Ten Eyck Would Put Them In Single Sculls For Two Years.

Edward Hanlan Ten Eyck, the young American oarsman who won the Diamond Sculls at Henley last summer, has a plan for developing college oarsmen.

"First of all," he says, "I would take 12 or 15 good, strong fellows and put them in training for two years in single sculls. I would keep them rowing in single sculls and teach them all the arts of rowing that I know myself. The natural result of this training would be to make them thorough watermen. This course would develop an instinctive knowledge of every factor in the proper handling of oars and how to get the best results from them, which cannot be learned rowing in an eight."

"After this preparatory course," concluded Ten Eyck, "I would select the best eight men. The college that adopts this plan will win races, and records will be lowered all over the country. Oxford and Cambridge will suffer defeat just as surely as they have won in the past. It will take time, but the end will justify the patience, and the other college crews will have to change their tactics."—New York Herald.

DEBARRED FROM ROWING.

Guineas, the Famous English Sculler, Suffers From a Sprained Heart.

Rupert Guinness, twice winner of the Diamond Sculls, foremost amateur of the world, heir to a British peerage and one of the greatest fortunes in England, will never row another race. He is suffering from what the athletes term "a sprained heart"—what the doctors call cardiac enlargement. The picture of robust manhood and rugged health to the eye, this young man is debarrd for the rest of his life from violent exercise of any sort.

Rupert Guinness is only 24 years old. He is built like a Hercules and has the complexion of a schoolgirl. He is the eldest son of Lord Iveagh, one of the peers in the realm. He will go to the Bermudas for an extended visit.—Philadelphia Press.

PUGILISTIC NOTES.

It has been announced that Pedlar Palmer will retire from the ring after fighting Dave Sullivan in April.

Paddy Slavin, the former Australian champion heavyweight, has, according to reports, struck it rich in the Klondike.

Johnny Griffin, the "Baintree Lad," has returned from San Francisco, where he went to meet Solly Smith. Griffin is not in good health and will never be able to fight again.

Charlie Mitchell, through his father-in-law, "Pony" Moore, has challenged "Kid" McCoy to fight him at the National Sporting club of London on Feb. 21. Moore will allow McCoy \$500 for training expenses.

Young Stewart of Liverpool has issued a challenge to box any 108 pound boxer in the world. Stewart has quite a reputation in England and can secure backing for a tidy sum. He is willing to fight in this country.

Another athletic club, which will cater to pugilism principally, has been started in London. It will be known as the Albion Athletic club. Arrangements will be made to have American boxers figure in international contests.

Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," has deposited \$500 with the London Mirror of Life to meet "Kid" McCoy. Craig is ready to box the "Kid" 20 rounds at 158 pounds for \$2,000 a side and the best purse offered in England or America.

Stanton Abbott, who came to America several years ago as the representative lightweight champion of England, has retired from the ring. Abbott is at present in Providence, where he is engaged as a boxing instructor. Abbott has figured in 800 battles since he arrived in America.

Fate of Race Horses.

What becomes of the racing kings after their proud days are over? Horses which are worth thousands of dollars vanish from the public eye in the course of time and the ordinary person never again hears of them.

A race horse usually begins its career when 2 years old, and its racing life is six or seven years. Usually the average of withdrawal from the turf is five years. The ordinarily good race horse does not have an enviable fate. Hundreds of worn-out racers are sold to cabmen, others are used as hack riding horses and some are exported to South America, India or Australia. These broken down horses have often been put to the roughest of farm work, and a baker has been known to possess a thoroughbred which has won several important races. Extremely docile, this light of other days placidly assists in delivering hot bread mornings. It has been found impossible to train race horses for circus purposes, but occasionally they have been used in spectacular scenes in sensational dramas.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE COOKBOOK.

Dredge snot with flour before chopping, and it will not cake so badly under the knife.

To remove all the grease from the top of soup after having skimmed it with a skimmer lay a piece of porous brown paper on top. It will absorb every particle of grease.

The best bug to use for puddings is made of thin unleached muslin. Be sure that it is well scalded before the pudding goes in. Keep a supply of clean, strong, white tape for pudding strings.

Boiling is the most abused branch of cookery. The average cook boils things that should be prepared otherwise, just through laziness. It is too much trouble to learn how to cook any other way. Never boil anything fast and use as little water as possible.

THE ROYAL BOX.

Kaiser Wilhelm has given up tobacco, as his Bavarian kept him awake, and now smokes only German cigars.

The czar has 44 different uniforms, one of which he has never had occasion to wear—namely, that of a Russian field marshal.

Wilhelmina, the queen of the Netherlands, will take the oath of accession to the throne on Sept. 6 next in the New church at Amsterdam.

The reason the ex-Empress Eugenie recently sold \$20,000 worth of jewelry was not that she wanted the money, but that she had no further use for such magnificent gems.

THE TATTLER.

Fanny Crosby of New York, the blind hymn writer, is now 77 years old.

Mrs. A. G. McGee of Chicago has regularly established herself as a landscape gardener.

The late Miss Susan S. Clark of Hartford left \$10,000 each to Trinity college and the Hartford hospital and \$20,000 to various religious and philanthropic societies.

Mrs. Alice M. Day has just been appointed physician and surgeon of the Lake County (Ind.) Asylum and Hospital. She is the first woman in Indiana to be thus recognized.

Miss Minnie Powers of Lookport, N. Y., is 6 feet in height, lacking one inch. She is the tallest woman in the United States. She is handsome in spite of her abnormal proportions.

Miss Mina Kessinger, whose betrothed went to the war in 1860 and was killed in battle, lives the life of a recluse on her farm near Jackson, O., never going over 100 yards from her place.

Lady Gay is the pseudonym of Mrs. Denison, who has been for years the society editor of the Toronto Saturday Night, a publication which has a wide circulation throughout the Dominion.

Miss Melville B. Wilson, whose statue "The Minuteman" President McKinley called "a good summer's work," has made a new departure in modeling small cabinet busts, which she reproduces in marble and bronze.

Miss Helen Lockwood of Peru, Ind., was to appear in a concert at Frankfort not long ago, but missed the train at Peru. Determined to keep her appointment, Miss Lockwood hired a horse and buggy and drove 65 miles across country, reaching her destination in time to fill her part.

Mrs. Lewis, who discovered manuscripts of the gospels in a Syrian convent on Mount Sinai, has been exploring the convent again in company with her sister, Mrs. Gibson, and has examined two ancient Syriac service books of the twelfth century, written in the dialect supposed to have been spoken by Christ.

Miss Evadne La Vende Leeds is a salesgirl at the perfume counter of a large store in St. Louis. She is one of the direct heirs of the Bell estate in Philadelphia, which is valued at \$5,000,000. Miss Leeds is said to be a pretty, attractive young woman, whose head is too sensible to be turned by the prospect of securing a fortune. Her great-grandmother was a cousin of George Washington.

THE ALPHABET.

The letter F, while old, is obscure in origin and history.

According to Blair, the first alphabet was invented by Memnon, king of Egypt, about 1822 B. C.

It is said by Chinese scholars that the language has a separate character for every word, hence the extraordinary difficulty in mastering written Chinese.

In a number of languages no characters exist for the vowel sounds, consonants only being expressed and the vowels indicated by a modification of the letter.

It is a curious fact that in the northern parts of Ireland and Scotland alphabetical characters closely resembling those of the Saxon were in common use until the end of the sixteenth century.

The oldest Jewish alphabet is supposed by some scholars to have been an adaptation of the Egyptian hieroglyphs. Its earliest use in a monument is supposed to be the Silem inscription at Jerusalem.

It was, too, a crossmark, and, though a respectable ancient letter, indicates by its simplicity that names among its makers had probably become scarce when they were driven to so simple an expedient.

Lin Phoenician and Hebrew was learned, the ox good, and from its close resemblance to that instrument or to a thrashing flail, both of which were made alike in shape, it is no doubt the lineal descendant of a picture of one or the other of those objects.

PERT PERSONALS.

As we understand it, Champion Fitzsimmons has challenged Corbett to fight somebody else.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Don Carlos wisely concludes that it would be too risky for him at this stage of the game to try to play the king.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

Now they are calling him "Nero Weyer." This perpetual attempt to blacken the memory of a dead man is, however, in bad taste.—Albany Argus.

With Mr. Leiter controlling the bread and Mr. Armour the meat it is difficult to predict what will happen to the sandwich market this year.—Washington Star.

General Blanco's plans for ending the Cuban war sound very much like the boasting of a man who is about to attempt something on a wager.—New York Journal.

Professor Small of Chicago says that "American diplomacy has made us the laughing stock of Europe." By the way, who is Professor Small of Chicago?—Philadelphia Bulletin.

PENALTIES.

The penalty of popularity is envy.

The penalty of thin shoes is cold.

The penalty of a tight boot is corns.

The penalty of marrying is a mother-in-law.

The penalty of a pretty cook is an empty larder.

The penalty of a godfather is a silver knife, fork and spoon.

The penalty of interfering between man and wife is abuse, frequently accompanied with blows from both.

The penalty of buying cheap clothes is like going to law—the certainty of losing your suit and having to pay for it.

The penalty of remaining single is having no one who cares a button for you, as abundantly proved by the state of your shirts.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Golfing on the Snow.

Those who have tried golfing on the snow winter in pronouncing it the ideal winter outdoor sport. About the only changes from the regular rules are that through the green, if the lie suits, the snow may be brushed away back of the ball, and if the lie is unsuitable the ball may be lifted without penalty and replaced near by, but in this case the snow may not be brushed away. The ball must not be touched on the putting green nor the snow brushed away, except with the back of the hand as the line of the put, as under ordinary circumstances. Snow play is far more trying than ordinary golf from the perplexing variety of the lies. The iron shots must be hit very clean if any considerable distance is desired, for a so-called shot is ruinous. Prudent players find it a wise plan to use the brassie on tee shots rather than to risk smashing the wooden driver on the ice hardened dirt. On the other hand, should the ball be well perched up on the snow, the driver may be used to advantage for the second shot, for if well hit the club will not be in any danger of being broken against the frozen ground as it sweeps away after the ball, for the snow forms a cushion that protects the club head from contact with the rock-like earth.—New York Sun.

A CYCLE DERBY.

It Will Decide the Middle Distance Championship and Be Worth \$20,000.

So thorough a grip middle distance cycle racing has taken on this country that race meet promoters are already planning an open competition to determine the middle distance championship in an official way. David Shafer, the manager of Jimmy Michael, the sum of whose victories has entitled him to be called the world's champion, believes the annual championship of the middle distance event will be the greatest cycling contest of the year, and he considers it will be to wheelmen what the Derby means to horsemen.

A purse of not less than \$20,000 will be put up, says Mr. Shafer. The race will be 25 or 30 miles or for one hour. Mr. Shafer says the plan is already being considered, and he believes it will be run off early in the coming outdoor racing season. New York was first mentioned for the race, and then it was thought more advantageous to hold it in Carson City or wherever the fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, supposing such an event to be arranged, would be. Following the great fistio battle, Mr. Shafer thinks a paying gate, with admission from \$10 to \$20, would not be hard to obtain for the cycle contest.—New York Times.

THE SWIFT CYCLISTS.

The annual Moscow to St. Petersburg road race was won by a Russian named Timinsky.

The advisability of reducing the cycle tax in France is being considered by the French minister of finance.

J. Platt Betts the speedy Englishman, has broken the Australian ten mile record, making the distance in 20:02 2-5, beating the previous record by 4 8-5 seconds.

Maurice has returned to France. He carried back no honors from America, nor were there any scapls dangling at his belt. The pace was too fast for him, and he gave it up as a bad job.

A. O. Mertens, the five mile champion, is at his home in Minneapolis resting up for next season. Mertens will not compete on any indoor tracks this winter and will do no training.

Michael will not go to Europe, but will remain in this country with the other professional riders. If the little fellow is kept at work through the winter and next summer, his handlers will probably break him down.

John S. Johnson will probably secure a match race with Michael some time in January for a distance of from 15 to 25 miles. Johnson is in hard training and will be ready to meet all comers in the middle distance game.

August Lehr, the German champion, who will remain in this country next season and fight for the championship of America, is the largest racing man on the path today. He weighs 204 pounds. His favorite game is short distance sprint racing.

Edouard Taylore, the French champion, recently beaten by Michael, weighs 139 pounds and is 5 feet 4 inches in height. He is a great unpaired rider, being able to ride three and four miles at a 2:08 or 2:10 clip, and at paced work, his favorite, he is hard to beat.

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Dr. R. C. Flower's lecture in Washington Hall, yesterday afternoon for real eloquence, beauty of thought, elegant expression, keen, irresistible wit, in grace of person and ease of delivery, was the finest effort ever made in this city. The interest and enthusiasm of the audience could not have been greater; the hall was crowded and the lecture was turned away.—Indianapolis (Ind.) Journal.

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CHURCH NOTES.

Universalist.

The pastor's subject for Sunday morning will be "The Power of Christ." In the evening "A Nation of Discontent."

Trinity Methodist.

Rev. Dr. T. A. Griffin of Troy, N. Y., will preach Sunday morning. In the evening the pastor will preach on "God's Presence."

The regular meeting of the Epworth League will be held at 8 o'clock p. m. The subject will be "Letting Christ Have His Way." Mrs. Dora Phillips will lead.

A business meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the church parlors Tuesday.

Baptist.

The pastor's Sunday morning subject will be "Our English Bible." Rev. George E. Whitehouse of Cheshire will exchange pulpits with the Rev. Mr. Foskett in the evening.

The regular meeting of the Young People's union will be held at 8 o'clock p. m.

The ladies will serve their regular supper Tuesday evening.

St. Mark's.

Rev. Dr. Newton of Pittsfield will deliver a free lecture at the parish house under the auspices of the Young Men's club. His subject will be "Henry George."

St. Thomas.

An anniversary high mass of requiem was celebrated for Richard, brother of Rev. D. C. Moran, at 7:30 o'clock this morning by Rev. D. C. Moran. Rev. D. C. Moran celebrated a high mass of requiem for Miss Alice Burke Friday morning at 7:15 o'clock.

The ladies have decided to postpone their regular supper during the winter or until further notice.

Revs. P. J. Griffin and D. A. O'Malley of Holyoke and Rev. J. M. Prendergrast of Hinsdale visited Rev. D. C. Moran Friday.

Grand Army Fair.

The Grand Army fair opens in the opera house this evening. There will be a short parade and concert by Lafayette band. Dancing will be enjoyed for a few hours. Monday evening a musical will be given. Tuesday evening the Forest Park drum corps will have a short street parade and the Moliere Dramatic club will present a play.

Wednesday evening a farce entitled "A Pretty Piece of Business" will be presented by local talent under I. J. Hatton's direction.

Thursday evening Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans, or North Adams will attend. Friday evening a regular dance will be held. Dancing will be free every night except Friday, when dancing badges will be sold.

The fair will close a week from tonight.

A Successful Recital.

The first pupils' recital by the local scholars of Professor Moulumbury of Pittsfield was held in the old St. Charles church Friday evening. About 250 people were present. The recital proved to be one of the best ever given in town. The scholars played all their solo and duet selections in a manner which reflects great credit to themselves and to their teacher. Their efforts were thoroughly appreciated and the audience gave frequent applause. Owing to the illness of a member of the Harmonic quartet of Pittsfield only Messrs. Willis and Larkin were present and sang. Mr. Klugman gave some pleasing selections on the cello and Miss Weed was a favorite with her mandolin selections. Altogether the recital was pleasing throughout and Professor Moulumbury is entitled to much credit for its success.

The Best Ending.

Among the cases entered at the superior court in Pittsfield at the present sitting was that of the commonwealth against Edward Hastings for adultery. It will be remembered that there was a good deal of law proceedings about the case in the local district court and he was held under heavy bonds. Lawyer Couch of North Adams was Mr. Genet's counsel and Shaw and Harrington defended Mrs. Genet and Mr. Hastings in the district court. Since the last trial in this town a reconciliation was effected and Mr. and Mrs. Genet are again living together. Lawyer Cassidy appeared at Pittsfield and stated the latter fact to the court and the grand jury found no indictment.

Sale and Entertainment.

The sale and entertainment held at the Methodist church parlors Friday evening under the auspices of the Junior Epworth league was well attended and successful. The entertainment consisted of a dialogue entitled "The Indian Doctor" by Elmer Waldron, Herbert Tinney, Ralph Hildreth, George Sherman, Frank Richardson and Robert Davis. Recitations were given by Daisy Kearns, Elma Perkins Bessie and Hazel Wright and Walter Crandall. A harmonica duet was played by Herbert Tinney and Robert Davis. Refreshments were served and quite a seat sum was realized.

Officers Elected and Installed.

The following officers of Greylock lodge, No. 223, N. E. O. P. were elected and installed in Odd Fellows hall Friday evening: Junior past warden, John McLaroni; warden, David R. Dwyer; vice warden, Florence A. Wright; secretary, Fred M. Jones; financial secretary, James A. Hewitt; treasurer, Philip Sime; chaplain, Lizzie Forrest; guide, David Carduff; guardian, Louise Todd; sentinel, Robert Groves; trustee, George Sime. The work of installation was well done by District Deputy Mrs. Susan Jillson of Orange, assisted by Chaplain M. N. Jilison and Mrs. J. E. Kelton, guide, of the same places. There was a large attendance of members and a social time followed the installation.

Sued for \$200 and Received \$1.50.

The civil case of Gordon J. Walker of Savoy against Leslie Sherman, to recover \$200 damages for the conversion of sawdust and trespass, was heard in court Friday morning. It appeared that the defendant had unlawfully taken away sawdust from Mr. Walker's mill and in so doing had crossed the latter's land. A decision was given in favor of Mr. Walker and he received \$1.50 damages. Shaw & Harrington represented the plaintiff and Lawyer Cassidy the defendant.

The Pole Broke.

While one of the backs in the funeral procession of Miss Dalton was being driven down Lampshire's hill on the road to Cheshire Friday morning, the pole broke. By good management of the driver a serious accident was avoided. The occupants of the hack were obliged to get into other teams and fortunately no serious delay or damage was caused.

Abolition Club's Dance.

There was a fair-sized crowd at the dance of the Abolition club held in Grand Army hall Friday evening. It was the first dance held by the new club and although the attendance could have been better the members feel satisfied since all who attended spent a pleasant evening.

Miss Josie Lesage of North Adams has been the guest of Miss Lottie Laferriere the past week.

David Kevin of Great Barrington is the guest of his brother James of this town.

In Thursday evening's issue of this paper the date of the Alert ball should have been February 18 instead of January. A number of young friends were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Tumpane on Pleasant street Thursday afternoon when their daughter gave a pleasant afternoon tea.

Mrs. J. O'Neil of Shelburne Falls was the guest of friends at Reaford Friday.

A meeting of the F. M. T. A. society will be held Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Delamy has been elected chairman of the board of managers of the Ladies' aid society of Trinity-Methodist church.

The regular meeting of the pastor's class will be held at Trinity-Methodist church at 7 o'clock this evening. Liberty L. Burnett will lead.

The fourth quarterly conference of Trinity-Methodist church will be held this evening at 7:45 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Griffin of Troy, N. Y., will be present.

Charles Ingham of Mill street left Friday for a few days visit with friends in Cohoes, N. Y.

A son was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dydowicz.

The only letter advertised at the post-office this week is for Dr. Lange.

Slightly Mixed.

An author who has his own publisher advertised a book of his as follows:

"Send \$1 for my new book, with autograph."

Shortly afterward he received this order from a rural reader: "I enclose \$1. If the autograph is one of them talkin' machines, send it on by freight. I don't want the book."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Lonely Place.

Country Hostess—Have you nice neighbors where you live now?

City Guest—Oh, we have no neighbors now—none at all.

Country Hostess—You ain't any neighbors?

City Guest—No. We live in a flat.—New York Weekly.

New Defense.

"You say that burglar's defense was a plea of insomnia. Don't you mean kleptomania?"

"No. I mean insomnia. He claimed that he could not sleep of nights, and hated to have his time going to waste that way."—Indianapolis Journal.

In the Smoky City.

Mr. Gaswell—An eastern astronomer says he has discovered two groups of spots on the sun.

Mr. Gasbill—I wish he would come to Pittsburg and make an effort to discover the sun itself.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Modest Wish.

"At least," said the gentleman whose appointment to place in China seemed to have been held up indefinitely, "at least I hope they'll send me out there before there isn't any China to go to."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Perfectly Safe.

She—Mamma is in the next room. He—Do you suppose she would know it if I should kiss you?

She—Oh, no. She is very deaf.—Detroit Free Press.

No Doubt.

Zim—The great Chinese wall is well guarded. Zam—You bet. There are Chinks even in the wall itself.—New York Journal.

Degrees of Vivacity.

Watts—I've got an uncle 80 years old and he is as frisky as a schoolboy. Potts—As a schoolboy going to school or coming out?—Indianapolis Journal.

How It Was Done.

"He made his fortune making a cradle." "He doesn't look like a nurse." "He isn't. The cradle was in the Klondike."—New York Sunday World.

THERE WAS A JOKE.

But Was It on the Pig or on the Jolly Tinner?

Theodore Mowen, a Clarksville (Mo.) tinner, is confined to his home with a broken arm and badly bruised body as a result of a peculiar accident. One of Theodore's friends called on him to repair a leaking waterspout. The jolly tinner got his ladder and climbed up, carrying his little stove, iron and stick of solder. In Clarksville there are numerous pigs walking the streets and fields, feeding on the surplus provisions of the community. It happened that when Mowen was plunging up holes in the damaged spout one of the numerous family of mud loving quadrupeds came snorting and waddling under the ladder. Mowen couldn't resist the temptation to have a little fun. He is a good lover of roast pig. He also enjoys a hog race, and nothing delights him more than to see one of the fat animals putting on speed and uttering shrill cries as he travels.

Consequently, when the pig in question sauntered under the ladder, Mowen thought it would be a capital joke to drop a bit of molten solder on his back and see how fast he could run and how loud he could yell.

"I'll just put my iron in the fire, get it red-hot and touch it to the solder. Then I'll let the hot stuff drip on that chunk of grease. Oh, it's daisy idem!" And snatching the action to his thoughts the joker poked his iron into the stove, got it hot, applied it to the solder and a little stream of molten metal poured on the animal's back.

The pig uttered a piercing squeal and made a dash forward. Mowen laughed loudly enough to perforate the spout with joy. The idea had worked like a charm. The pig hesitated a moment after starting off. Then, as if understanding the situation perfectly, he walked through the lower rung of the ladder. His head got caught all right, but his body was too big. The result was that ladder, Mowen, solder and pig fell in a heap to the ground.

The pig escaped uninjured, but Mowen's arm was broken, and he sustained severe bruises on the head, face and body. Friends heard his cries and came to his assistance. He was picked up and carried to his home, and his condition is regarded as serious. The pig's burns are not dangerous, and the revengeful creature again is rolling in the mud of Clarksville.

Mr. Mowen doesn't think his trouble is any "laughing matter." He has foregone joking and is engaged at work, and anybody who talks to him about "the pig in the poke and the ladder that broke" receives a cold response. He bargained for just a little fun, he says, but did not reckon on having his good intentions reciprocated.

The incident is known in Clarksville as the "pig accident," and the animal that caused the disturbance has the right of way in every street, field and house in the city.—St. Louis Republic.

Flat Building Amelities.

"Here's an article that tells how all the disagreeable odors from cooking may be absorbed and prevented from spreading over the house," he said as he looked up from his paper.

"I don't want to see it," she returned promptly. "If you spread anything that shows how the odors may be absorbed, you might call my attention to it, but I don't want anything else. The woman in the top flat has been pounding her piano until she has given me a headache, and I am going out to the kitchen now to cook onions and cabbage just to get even with her."—Chicago Post.

Partial Diagnosis.

"What's the matter with him, doctor?" asked the worried father.

The young physician took another look at the boy's tongue, felt his pulse again, noted his temperature and proceeded to pour out some medicine.

"I've forgotten the technical name for it," he replied. "But it ends in 'itis.' I'll fetch him out of it all right."—Chicago Tribune.

Insurance Item.

"Ever been any insanity in your family?" asked the agent who was writing out Sam Handwich's application for a life insurance policy.

"I never knew of but one case. One of my brothers got married on a salary of \$7 a week."—New York Sunday World.

A Little Discussion.

"Bloomers," said the thin member, "are positively insupportable."

"Really?" cooed the plump member. "I never found any difficulty."

At this juncture the president rapped for order.—Indianapolis Journal.

How Could She?

Father—No, Freddie, I can't answer your three thousand six hundred and fifty-seventh question, "why orphans can't make popcorn."

Freddie—Cause they haven't any popcorn.—New York Journal.

What the Old Man Was.

"My pop don't ride no wheel," said the bad small boy, rubbing the seat of his little bloomers after the interview, "but he's a scorcher all the same."—Springfield (Ills.) Monitor.

They're Kept All Right.

"Well, have you kept the resolutions you made last New Year's?"

"No, but my wife has—she repeats 'em to me pretty near every day."—Detroit News.

Remembering Those at Home.



Mrs. Sniffins (on leaving the party takes the hired waiter's umbrella in mistake)—Great heavens! They'll take me for a kleptomaniac!—Ally Slopier.

Why He Liked Their Singing.

Miss Trill—I love to hear the birds sing. Jack Downright (warmly)—So do I. They never attempt a piece beyond their ability.—London Tit-Bits.

The Oddities of Language.

"She actually flung herself at his head!" "H'm! What did he do?" "He flung himself at her feet."—Boston Transcript.

She Was Entranced.

"Was it a thrilling play, Julia?" "I should say so. I forgot to eat my chocolate creams."—Chicago Record.

UPHOLDING HIS REPUTATION.

The Oklahoma Landlord Rises to the Defense of the Local Winds.

"I don't believe the wind blows as hard here as it does up in Kansas," remarked the stranger from the land of whiskers. "You don't, har?" replied the landlord of a Rocket City (O. T.) hotel, his pride in his own locality instantly up in arms. "What puts such an idea as that into your head?"

"Why, up there," answered the stranger, "it is common enough for the wind to blow the feathers off from chickens and the hair off from men's heads. I once knew a straight, steady gale to blow a half grown calf against the end of a barn, close up under the eaves and hold the animal there for nine days till it starved to death. I recollect also the case of a love cracked young man who repeatedly tried to commit suicide by jumping off from a high bluff in the face of a gale, and every time he jumped the wind blew him back to his original starting point. He was a persistent fellow, and tried the experiment 20 times, but at last gave it up in despair and went and married a redheaded widow with seven soiled children. I haven't heard any such stories of the wind's power since I came here."

"For the simple reason," returned the landlord, "that we don't regard such petty episodes as them as bein' worth tellin' about, considerin' that such puerile yarns merely bore the hearers. When the wind blows yere, it blows some. It don't blow. I'm recallin a triflin' incident of a whirlwind which began to prank with a telegraph pole an' turned it round an' round till the pole bored a hole in the earth similar to an auger, an' sunk out of sight tharin, an' then the wind twisted the pole up out of the ground an' rolled it off across the prairie an' wrapped it three times around a tree. It's funny to see the breeze playin'ly catch an innocent turtle with its mouth open an' blow the poor varmint full of wind till he swells up as big as a barrel an' then pops. An' once I had the pleasure of beholdin' it serve a gent from Kansas about the same way, only worse. He was standin' around braggin' about what he'd seen when a zephyr whirled around the corner, blew down his throat while his mouth was open, an' turned him wrong side out in the twinklin' of an eye. Looks kinder like rain off to the southwest, don't it?"—New York Sunday Journal.

She Had Been Waiting.

As if utterly unaware that a new bicycle outfit was in force, she jauntily wheeled along the sidewalk of a brick paved street, when she might just as well have been in the road. One of the special bicycle police detail was within seeing distance, and he increased his speed until a little ahead of her. Then he dismounted and waited for her to come along.

He was evidently embarrassed for having to interrupt the perambulations of a lady abwheel, especially one of middle age and of matronly measure.

"Ah—ah—excuse me, madam," he nervously explained, "but I'll have to take you down to the justice's office."

With a smile that entirely disarmed him, she smiled as she replied: "Oh, sir, that's just what I've been waiting for for over 30 years. Come on." He escaped around the corner and looked back to see her continuing up the sidewalk.—Detroit Free Press.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Give the fowls plenty of sunshine and fresh air daily.

If the hens are not laying well, try a change of food.

Darkness of the comb is an indication of congestion of some kind.

Most cheap egg foods are composed largely of ground oyster shells.

When the weather is very cold or storming, it will be better to keep the poultry confined.

Linseed meal is excellent if fed in small quantities, but fed too liberally it fattens too much.

Too much solid food when there is not proper exercise tends to fatten, and fat hens do not lay well.

Mark all the pullets you want to save by punching a hole in the web of the foot with a sharp steel punch.

If the poultry house has a board floor, a liberal sprinkling of sand over it will aid materially in keeping it clean.

Nearly all medium sized fowls are more active and easier to raise than the larger varieties, while the demand in market favors a carcass of medium size.—St. Louis Republic.

PEN, CHISEL AND BRUSH.

Miss Julia M. Bracken, a sculptor of Chicago, has been successful in making a death mask of the late Washington Heising of Chicago.

M. Valbert in the Revue de Deux Mondes tells how Renan received every year from a province in France an anonymous letter saying simply, "Don't forget that you are going to be damned."

M. Lecomte du Noy, the painter of oriental subjects, is executing three large frescoes to adorn a chapel which is being built after the Grecian style for Queen Elizabeth of Roumania, perhaps better known as Carmen Sylva.

The latest notable portrait painted by John S. Sargent, an American painter, who is a member of the Royal academy, is of Miss Daisy Leiter, formerly of Chicago, and is intended for the academy of 1898. Miss Leiter is a sister of the famous beauty who was married not long ago to the Hon. George Curzon.

WATER DRINKING STORY.

A most unique boxing bout was recently held in Chicago. Two one armed men, Jack Carr and Billy Kennedy, fought savagely for three rounds, when the bout was stopped and called a draw. Both fighters had lost their right arms above the elbow. Each wore a glove strapped to the stump of his missing arm.

The men clumsily shook hands with their left digits and then got down to business. For awhile they fiddled. Then they began a rain of indiscriminate punching. In the heat of the fray they were seen to wave the stumps of the right arms as if to counter or send home a blow. Several times they clinched, and the stumps were kept going like trip hammers—short arm blows, one spectator called them. At the end of the third round both men were groggy, and the bout was brought to an end.—New York Journal.

SPARKLERS.

It is rumored that old fashioned cameos are coming into favor again.

Pearl necklaces of the dog collar style continue to enjoy an immense popularity. Effective ornaments for the hair are gold fillets studded with brilliants and cabochon opals.

Jewelers have supplied an infinite variety of baubles to meet the growing demand for these ornaments.

Jeweled butterflies and Lotis IV bows are fads of the moment, being much worn in the hair, also on the corsage.

New enamelled lockets enriched with gems resemble chateaufaine watches and are worn in the same fashion, depending sometimes from a chateaufaine pin and sometimes from a long chain.—Elsie Bee in Jewelers' Circular.

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I know not that record of sin awaits me
in the other world; but this I do know,
that I never was so mean as to despise a
man because he was poor, because he was
ignorant, or because he was black.
—John A. Andrew.

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all parts of the world are received exclu-
sively by THE TRANSCRIPT up to the hour
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"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."
From the Seal of the city of North Adams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 15, '98.

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are the best business men in this commu-
nity. Their advertisements are worth
reading, and they are the firms with
whom to trade most advantageously.

SPAIN'S DESPERATION.

Spain's plan of autonomy in Cuba has
failed. It is nonsense to say that it is
longer on trial, as the government at
Washington does. It has collapsed. The
riots in Havana are proof positive that
even Spaniards despise it and condemn it.
The insurgents have rejected it and con-
tinue to fight on, destroying property and
Spanish soldiers more than ever.

In what position does the failure of
autonomy leave Spain? Her position is
more critical than ever.

A conservative correspondent from
Washington says that it is a common
belief at the national capitol that Spain
will force trouble before very long.
People do not regard the mobs in
Havana as of any account. They are
merely unsettling. The irritation which
is seriously feared will be started at
Madrid.

The best advice, continues the cor-
respondent, shows that the present
Spanish ministry cannot long stand. It is
only a makeshift anyway. Its scheme of
autonomy for Cuba is a failure. It has
three foes in Spain, the old conservative
party which stands by Weyler, the rep-
ublicans and the Carlists. Any one of
them is likely in a few days' notice, to
get possession of the government. What-
ever it does will throw over the autonomy
programme and announce its determina-
tion to fight this country on almost any
pretext. This will be done, not with the
idea of saving Cuba, but of losing it.

Any political party in Spain would be
ruined by surrendering Cuba to the rebels;
it would be glorified by getting into a war
with this country, no matter how quick
the defeat and how complete the loss.
The minute the Spanish administration
goes down, our administration can feel
that all hope for comparatively decent
administration in Cuba by the Spaniards
is gone. That moment the Cuban sym-
patizers in congress will insist on action
by the president, and the president under
those circumstances will not refuse. A
succession of circumstances may prevent
this result. But almost anything will
bring it about the minute the Spanish
ministry goes and a remarkable combina-
tion will be necessary to prevent this.

NORTHAMPTON'S WAY.

There is likely to be a very hot time in
Northampton over the superintendent of
schools in that city. Such an original
method of getting rid of an unpopular
superintendent is to be used, that we here
reprint the plan as told by the Northamp-
ton Gazette, which says:

A strong effort is going to be made by
members of the city council to get rid of
Superintendent Pease of the schools. Mr.
Pease's enemies say that the school com-
mittee is likely to keep on re-electing
him for some time, although it is stated
there are two members of the school
board who are opposed to him, but how
long it will take these two to leave the
whole board sufficiently to get a majority
to vote against him is quite problematical.
But the way that is open to those who
have pulled off their coat to go into the
fight against the superintendent, is to
starve him out by cutting down his salary.
Some propose to cut it down to \$900, but
most of his opponents think either \$1,400
or \$1,500 will be about right for a starter.
It, that does not have the desired
effect; then make another cut
next year. It is claimed that a canvass
of the members of the common council
shows a majority in favor of reducing
the salary. Some of them say it is not
because the salary is too large for the
right kind of a man. They would will-
ingly vote \$2000 or \$2500 even for a supe-
rintendent that was competent and in
favor with the people. With the view-
point of the parents and almost univer-
sally feeling of all will on the part of the school-
ars, the prime movers in the opposi-
tion to Mr. Pease say that it is high time that
the present incumbent make way for a
new man, and hence the effort is now
going to be made to reduce his salary. The
superintendent's salary when the council was on
fixing the salaries of city officials was
month.

A little more rioting in Havana will
make Cuba free.

Guilmant was a great success in the
city, and his visit redounds to the credit
of North Adams organists.

Senator Hoar put his knife into the A. P.
A. again Friday when the discussion
Mr. McKenna's nomination to the Su-
preme court bench came up in the senate.
Senator Hoar very rightly says that poli-
tics and religion should not be mixed.

The workmen coming to this city daily
and who are employed in the mill
and shops here want lower street
rates. Their wages are not so high but
what such a saving would be very accept-
able and should be granted them if pos-
sible.

The New Bedford strike begins Mo-
day, when the weavers propose to try for
a restoration of wages, the abolition of
the firing system, and the adoption of a

uniform price list in all the mills in the
city. The New Bedford board of trade
and city council are both using every ef-
fort to prevent the strike and each has
appointed arbitration committees. But
the most serious labor trouble seems to
be awaiting all the cotton-working cities.

The criticism of this city's poor farm by
the state board of lunacy and charity will
thoroughly arouse this community. If
neglect or mismanagement makes harder
the lives of the unfortunate inmates, the
speediest reform should be demanded.
Uncleanliness and vermin have no excuse
for existence at the town farm, and the
charge that the sexes are not separated is
abhorrent. Let this matter be sifted to
the bottom and thorough correction of
the management be made at once if neces-
sary.

The gravity of the Cuban situation
ought to be fully realized by the people
in order that they may not be surprised
in case the worst comes. However, it
would be very wrong to spread alarmist
reports or to cause unnecessary excite-
ment over the matter. Everybody should
keep cool and let his hair grow. One
thing we can be sure of, the United States
has thus far done nothing to give Spain
just cause for offense, and any trouble
that might arise would almost surely be
forced upon us by the unsolvable condi-
tion of the problem which Spain con-
tends with. Conscious of this, the Amer-
ican people can be perfectly serene.—
Springfield Republican.

The charity ball has vindicated itself in
accordance with the doctrine that the
fittest survive. The voices that have
sometimes been raised against it are silent
now, but the ball flourishes year after
year, becoming with the lapse of time,
the growth of taste, and the improve-
ment of facilities, even more brilliant
than of yore. Moreover, there are indi-
cations that experience may have taught
economy which together with increased
attendance will lead to larger net finan-
cial returns this year than have been se-
cured at times in the past. This is the
hope of the ladies who are promoting it.

Two men met in an office on Main street
this morning. Both had heard Guilmant
the previous evening and both were vie-
ing in words of praise and adoration.
"Superb," "grand," "each thing," etc.,
were some of the words used. But sud-
denly a change came over the spirit of
their conversation. One had said that it
was "Old Hundred" that was given Guil-
mant to improvise, and the other declared
it was "America." They grew earnest,
got red in the face, and parted each de-
claring that he could not mistake such
grand music. The incident has its mora-
lity. However grand that music, everyone
who gushes about it today doesn't do it for
musical reasons.

The department store is fast becoming
one of the new and serious problems in
the retail business. There are indications
that a combination of these stores is al-
ready being formed. J. N. Huston of In-
diana, treasurer of the United States un-
der President Harrison, says he believes
the great department stores in all the
cities of the country are secretly joining
forces to concentrate their power in the
expectation that such a trust may be suc-
cessfully organized to control the retail
business of the country in every branch.
He says: "The trust would not be a dream,
were it to be a national institution. It
would control the price of everything, in-
directly the interest rate on money, poli-
tics and everything else." The aim is to
crush out the small dealers. When the
fight comes on for final settlement the
newspapers will take a hand, both to pro-
tect themselves and their many small ad-
vertising customers.

WRECK OF THE JULIE PLANTE

[A legend of Lac St. Pierre.]
On wan dark night on Lac St. Pierre
De win' she blow, blow, blow,
An de crew of de wood scow Julie Plante
Got sent on an run below,
For de win she blow lak' hurricane,
Bimby she blow some more,
An de scow bust' up on Lac St. Pierre
Wan argent from de shore.

De captine walk on de front deck
An walk de hin' deck too,
He call de crew from up de hole,
He call de cook also,
De cook she's name was Rosie,
She come from Montreal,
Was chambermaid on lumber barge
On de Grande Lachine canal.

De win' she blow from nor' east' west',
De scow' win' she blow, too,
Wen Rosie cry, "Mon cher captine,
Mon cher, w'at I shall do?"
Don de captine t'row de big ankere,
But still de scow she dreef,
De crew he can't pass on de shore
Becos' he los' hos' ankere.

De night was dark lak' wan black cat,
De wave run high an' las',
Wen de captine tak' de Rosie girl
An tie her to de mast,
Den he also tak' de life preserve
An jump off on de lak'
An say, "Goodby, ma Rosie, dear;
I go down for your sake."

Nex' morning very early,
"Bout hal' pas' two-t'ree-four—
De captine—scow—an de poor Rosie
Was carpus on de shore,
For de win she blow lak' hurricane,
Bimby she blow some more,
An de scow bust' up on Lac St. Pierre
Wan argent from de shore.

MORAL.
Now, all good wood scow sailorman
Tuk' warning by dat storm
An go on marry some nice French girl
An leavon wan beep farm.
De win can blow lak' hurricane,
An s'pose she blow some more,
You can't get down on Lac St. Pierre
So long as you stay on shore.
—W. H. Drummond's Own Version in "The
Huron" and Other French Canadian
Fables."

Smoke Protects From Lightning.

On the approach of a thunderstorm
French peasants often make up a very
smoky fire, says Industries and Iron, in
the belief that safety from lightning is
thus assured. By some this is deemed
a superstition, but Schubert shows that
the custom is based on reason, inasmuch
as the smoke acts as a good conductor
for carrying away the electricity slowly
and safely. He points out that in 1,000
cases of damage by lightning 6.3
churches and 8.5 mills have been struck,
while the number of factory chimneys
has only been 0.2.

Cured by a Burglar.

Professor Bronardel, in a recent lec-
ture, related the following case: A man
had a pharyngeal abscess, so deeply
seated that his medical attendant was
afraid to meddle with it. One night a
burglar broke into the house, and on the
sick man calling for help tried to thro-
tle him. The abscess burst, deluging
the burglar with pus and causing him
to beat a rapid retreat. His intended
victim experienced relief and made a
rapid recovery.—Medical

FAVORS CUBA'S CAUSE.

President Deeply Stirred by Sto-
ries of Spanish Cruelty.

HIS EFFORTS TO RELIEVE DISTRESS

Disappointed by the Feeble Response to
His Call For Subscriptions—Why the
American People Do Not "Clap In"
More Liberally.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—[Special.]—Pres-
ident McKinley has the cause of Cuba un-
der most earnest consideration. I am able
to say that the president has been more
stirred by recent information that has
come to him concerning the pitiable con-
dition of the rural people of the island
than by anything that has occurred in the
past. The butcheries and skirmishes between
Spanish and insurgents, their cruelty to
prisoners and their summary executions,
the destruction of property and the long
list of Cuban woes recited over and over
again during the past two years have not
impressed the president a tenth part as
much as the harrowing descriptions of
starvation, disease and death among the
noncombatants, the innocent women and
children of rural Cuba. President Mc-
Kinley often talks of the terrible picture
to be seen near our own shores, and though
he has not as yet announced an intention
to take steps officially with a view to al-
leviating the horrors no one would be sur-
prised if he were to do so.

The Relief Subscription.
It was at the president's suggestion that
Secretary Bliss and other members of the
cabinet subscribed, with Mr. McKinley's
help, the sum of \$5,000 for relief of the
"reconcentrados" in Cuba. Moreover,
the president was so much disappointed
with the immediate results of his first call
for subscriptions that he gave orders to
have the state department prepare and
issue a second call, which was done some
days ago.

The results are still disappointing, and
the cause of the failure of the American
people to subscribe more liberally is well
understood in administration circles.
President McKinley understands that the
people of this country, or many of them at
least, feel that it is the duty of our gov-
ernment to intervene for the purpose of
putting an end to the terrible conditions
which prevail in Cuba. The people feel,
too, that if through charity this country
relieves the suffering decisive action on
the part of our government may be the
longer delayed. All this, I happen to
know, has made a deep impression upon
the president, and he is now considering
the Cuban question in the light of the reve-
lations as to the prevailing horrors and the
state of public opinion in the United
States. For these reasons there are keen
observers in Washington who think some
surprise on the Cuban question may be
sprung in the next few weeks.

President's Sources of Information.
The president is thoroughly and accu-
rately informed as to the conditions which
exist in Cuba. In the first place, he has
the reports of our consuls in the island.
There are seven or eight of these officials,
stationed, some of them, at the very points
where the greatest amount of suffering is
to be found. They have sent to the state
department reports full of the most har-
rowing details—reports which the authori-
ties do not deem it wise to give to the
public at this time.

In addition to a great mass of official
information from Consul General Lee and
our other consular representatives in Cuba,
the president has carefully read the arti-
cles written for the newspapers by the
American correspondents, both of whom
are personally known to the president as
careful observers and trustworthy men.
One is Charles M. Pepper, formerly sta-
tioned in Washington and through the
campaign of 1896 at Canton, where he en-
joyed Mr. McKinley's confidence to a re-
markable degree. The other is Edgar J.
Gibson, also a Washington correspondent
and a personal friend of the president. I
am informed that Mr. McKinley has read
all that these two men have written and
that he has given them credit for stating
only facts.

Indeed it is gossiped here that these two
newspaper men betook themselves to Cuba
to make their investigations upon sugges-
tions or instructions made by the president
and that they found their work would be
personally appreciated by him. But this
is an overstatement of the case, though it
is true that the president knew these two
writers were going to Cuba and promised
to give their accounts his careful attention.

For Diplomatic Effect.
There is a great deal of gossip here to
the effect that President McKinley started
the public relief subscription as much for
diplomatic effect as for anything else. The
facts are that he was so much stirred by
the pitiful stories of starvation that he
gave little or no thought to possible diplo-
matic effect. But the Spanish govern-
ment thought of it and had it dared do so
would have declined to permit the United
States to distribute relief through the
hands of American officials. I learn that
Senator Dwyer of Louisiana, the Spanish min-
ister, is now sorry he did not advise his
government to refuse consent to such dis-
tribution. But as a matter of fact the
Spanish had no option. They did not dare
refuse for fear of the possible effect upon
public opinion in the United States.

As the record now stands the president
has been able to bring forth the best pos-
sible sort of proof that a frightful condi-
tion of affairs does exist in Cuba. Were this
not true why should the United States
offer relief and why should Spain accept it?
Here in Washington public men are
saying President McKinley has skillfully
prepared the way for any action concern-
ing Cuba which he may decide to take.
If he resolves to interfere, he has good
ground to stand upon from the humani-
tarian point of view as well as the diplomatic.
If he cares to press for payment of claims
due from Spain to citizens of the United
States, the ground is ready for that. If
he chooses to intervene in the name of hu-
manity, there is no lack of natural causes,
known to the world, leading up to such a
result.

It is apparent to close observers here
that something is brewing as to Cuba. The
air is filled with it. Not only the adminis-
tration, but congress, is planning action.
How soon the blow will fall and what will
be its precise nature it is too early to say, but
there is talk of a friendly rivalry between
the administration and certain leaders in
congress as to which shall have the honor
of heading the rod. If this is true, the
president has an immense advantage over
all possible rivals. He can move whenever
he sees fit, and if there is danger of an
effort in congress to "force his hand" he
may move with more rapidity than will be
pleasing to the Spaniards.

WALTER WELLMAN.

Simply Couldn't Do It.
"And you wouldn't begin a journey on
Friday!"
"You bet I wouldn't."
"I can't understand how you can have
any faith in such a silly superstition."
"No superstition about it—Saturday's
pay day."—Detroit News.

Evils of Racing.

Employer (warningly)—I am informed,
sir, that you attend horse races and bet on
them.
Clark (coolly)—I won \$1,000 last week.
Employer (excitedly)—Where d'you get
your tips?—New York Weekly.

Aunt Sally—What's the matter?
Uncle Josh—They say the cars is block-
ed an can't go ahead for ten minutes.
Aunt Sally—Well, thank goodness, they
can't run over anybody for awhile, any-
how.—Town Topics.

In His Mind's Eye.



No, this is not a freak picture. It sim-
ply shows how young Callowley felt the
first time he put on his first new coat, silk
hat, patent leather shoes and gloves all
at the same time.—New York Journal.

Hint to Wives.

When your husband goes out between
acts to see a man, have some nice man
drop into his vacant seat to see you.—Bos-
ton Transcript.

His Best Poem.

The Poet—Which of my poems do you
think is the best?
Silly—I haven't read that one yet.—Har-
lem Life.

Pure Blood

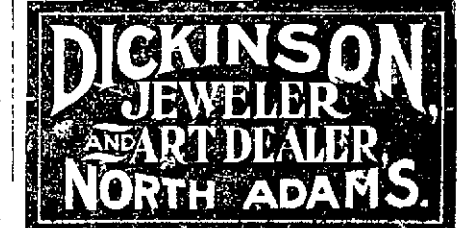
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Hood's Sarsaparilla. If you are weak,
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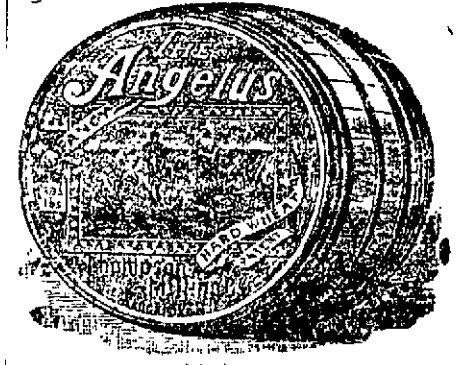
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Getting business is merely a question of adver-
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enough and asking the right way—explaining what things
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does this with Real Estate placed with him to sell. Adver-
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If you have property to sell
consult Alford and let him bring it to public notice for you.
This advertisement is proving its worth every day. Would-be
purchasers are showing their interest in Real Estate matters.
Take advantage of this and bring your offerings to the front.
Watch these columns for bargains in Real Estate—new prop-
erties advertised weekly.

Alford would like to know if you
have money to invest in REAL ES-
TATE FOR PROFIT? 1898 ought to
be a good real estate year and we
may as well begin in January as to
wait until April. You might look
over this list and then talk with me
about it if you are interested.

A large, new double house, 7 rooms
each, modern, up to date, well lo-
cated.

A new 10 room house, 8 minutes
from postoffice, well built, in good re-
pair, modern improvements, Simmons
boiler. Will sell for \$4,000.

A neat little cottage of six rooms,
in good location, \$2,400.

A large double tenement house in

good condition, 5 minutes' walk from
Main street, \$6,000.

A seven-room house with large lot.
Cheap at \$2750.

Three-tenement house in good
neighborhood, large lot, \$3,500.

A fine building lot, 66 ft front by
150 ft deep.

A double tenement house that
rents for \$19.00 per month that can
be bought for \$2,500.

A nine room house on the line of
the electric railway, west, small barn,
one acre of land \$3000.

A choice piece of residence prop-
erty in the fifth ward, large house

pleasant surroundings. Not many
of this kind for sale, \$9000.

\$5000. for a modern 8 room house
in the Normal School district, hot
air, Lot 66 x 132.

Another one that I can sell for
\$4700, has 8 rooms and bath, heated
by hot air. Lot 57 x 186.

A small house on the line of the
electric road, South, about one-half
acre of land, \$1500.

A farm of about 100 acres on the
"Notch Road," one-half timber, bal-
ance meadow and pasture. No house,
one barn, \$1800.

West End Park.

People who are contemplating the purchase of a lot at WEST END
PARK should bear in mind that an early selection may have its advantages
in the way of price, location &c. It is true there are 100 lots on this
tract and it is also true that some of the choicest have already been sold.
As has been stated heretofore, the property is piped for water, gas and
sewer. Marion Avenue, the main thoroughfare through the property is
fifty feet wide, with sidewalks 12 feet in width. No other residence
street in the city can boast of so fine a street.

As for prices and terms, THEY ARE ALL RIGHT.

Farm of fifty acres, about two and
one-half miles from North Adams,
house 12 rooms, \$3000.

I have one nice near-by lot that
somebody will be sure to want this
spring, but it will be a great deal
safer to buy it now if you are looking
for that sort of a purchase. It is 65
feet front by 140 feet deep, and can
be bought for \$2500.

There are still remaining on Rich-
mond Hill, some very desirable lots
which will be sold as heretofore at
low prices and on easy terms. For
nearby lots these are cheaper than
anything in the city, and will prove
a good investment for the most
home-builder, \$300, 400 and 500.

The lots on the Sherman property,
on the line of the electric road, west,
are for many reasons considered very
choice. They are on high ground,
facing south, affording one of the
finest views in this valley, and are
large, being 75x200. There are five
lots remaining on the north side of
the street, five having already been
sold.

There are twenty lots on what is
known as the Harlow Green property
on West Main street, opposite the
Fair Grounds. \$350 buys a good
one.

On the new State Road, opposite
the Brayton school, there are
some very desirable low price lots, as

well as on West Main street, adjoin-
ing Brown & O'Connor's store.
Plans and prices on applica-

This is a good column for real es-
tate owners to advertise in if they
have property for sale. Let me know
your wants and I will advertise them.

I represent the American Fire In-
surance company of Boston, one of
the oldest and best of Massachusetts
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which writes accident, employer's lia-
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and fidelity bonds.

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Fitchburg Railroad.
Corrected Nov. 15, 1897.
Trains leave North Adams going East—
12.15, 7.23, 9.05, a. m., 12.40, 4.31, 5.50, 6.00 p. m.
Going West—7.50, 10.00, a. m., 12.50, 1.30, 4.30, 5.50, 6.00 p. m.
Trains arrive from East—10.05, a. m., 12.10, 1.24, 4.00, 12.05, 1.46, 2.30 p. m.
From West—12.37, 1.15, 7.23, 9.55 a. m., 12.40, 12.55, 4.31, 5.50, 6.00 p. m.
1 Run Daily, except Monday.
2 Run Daily, Sunday included.
3 Sunday only.

New York Central R. R.
HARLEM DIVISION.
Leave North Adams via B. & A., R. R. for New York City 6.30 a. m.; arrive N. Y. City 11.51 a. m.; leave North Adams 9.25 a. m.; arrive N. Y. City 4.31 p. m.; leave North Adams 3.00 p. m.; arrive N. Y. City 8.25 p. m. Sunday train leaves North Adams 1.30 p. m.; arrive New York City 6.40 p. m. For New York City via B. & A., R. R. Adams special trains leave N. Y. City at 9.10 a. m. and 8.25 p. m. daily except Sundays, arriving in North Adams at 12.35 p. m. and 8.50 p. m. Sunday train leaves N. Y. City at 9.10 a. m. arrives North Adams 1.20 p. m. F. J. Wolyn, General Agent, Albany, N. Y.
November 21, 1897.

Boston & Maine Railroad.
AT GREENFIELD.
For Springfield, Northampton, and Holyoke 6.30, 7.10, 10.05, 11.15 a. m., 1.00, 2.02, 4.12, 5.30 p. m. Sundays 6.30, 8.45 a. m., 1.00, 2.02, 4.12 p. m. For Springfield, Northampton, and Holyoke 6.30, 7.10, 11.15 a. m., 1.00, 4.12 p. m. Sundays 8.45 a. m., 1.00, 2.02, 4.12 p. m. For South Western Junction, 9.50, 10.30 a. m., 1.20, 2.30, 4.44, 9.15 p. m. Sundays 4.50 a. m., 9.15 p. m. For Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Windsor, 10.25 a. m., 1.22, 4.54, 9.15 p. m. Sundays 4.50 a. m., 9.15 p. m. For stations between White River Junction and Pittsfield, 10.25 a. m., 1.22, 4.54 p. m. For Newport and Sherbrooke, 10.25 a. m., 1.22, 4.54 p. m.

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NORTH ADAMS AND READSBORO.
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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Col. F. S. Richardson has been made clerk of the house committee on military affairs.
—M. E. Couch returned today from Dalton, where he has been attending his brother, who is ill.
—M. V. Meade will organize a new dancing class in his rooms on Eagle street Monday evening.
—Miss A. Hathaway of Adams, W. L. Meyers of Pownall, Vt., and A. F. Rice of Florida returned to Bliss Business college this week.
—There will be a special chalk talk service at the city rescue mission this evening, the subject being "The Message of the Hour."
—Dennis Harrington had the end of his finger cut off in a sausage machine on which he was at work, at the City market, Friday.
—Miss A. D. Blanchard and Mrs. S. S. White will go to New York Monday to visit friends and relatives. They will return Saturday.
—The bids for building the new street car barns which will be erected in the spring are all in, and the contract will be let in a short time.
—J. V. Ashman and George Tanner, who on January 4 began taking the census of births in this city for the year 1897, will finish the work in a few days.
—W. H. & C. C. Peck have bought of F. N. Blake & Co., their photographers' supply business. The manufacture of dry plates will be continued by Blake & Co.
—The athletic association at Drury has revised the constitution to provide for the office of athletic director chosen from the faculty, and has elected F. W. Memmott to the position.
—The case of the S. Blackinton company, which has been before the court for some time, has been practically straightened out, and the resignation of Sheriff Frink, the assignee, has been accepted.
—J. A. Johnson will receive a carload of Iowa horses at his stables tomorrow night, and during the week will dispose of them at prices that should attract everyone who thinks of getting a horse.
—At a meeting held by the Brethren Friday evening the advisability of holding an annual supper was discussed. It was the general opinion that such a thing should be done, and a committee will look after the event.
—The funeral of Miss Louise R. Willian was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at the home of her father, Thomas Willian, 25 Brooklyn street. Rev. J. C. Tebbett's officiated and the burial was in Hillelde cemetery.
—Wells encampment, No. 23, I. O. O. F., held its installation of officers Friday evening, District Deputy Frank Bartlett of Greenfield acting as installing officer. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.
—The state board of agriculture has decided on the dates of the agricultural fair to be held in this section next fall, which have been announced. The Hoosac Valley Agricultural society will hold its next fair September 20 and 21.
—The Pastime social club gave a very pleasant dance Friday evening in Grand Army hall, about 100 couples attending. The prizes for the best waltzers were won by Miss Ida Wessels and John Mullen. The ideal orchestra furnished the music.
—Sheriff Fuller served a copy of the indictments for murder and manslaughter upon Nathaniel Mosely at the jail in Pittsfield Friday. Mosely didn't seem to understand the action and inquired anxiously what it was expected he would do with the papers.
—The Independent club held a private social and dance in their rooms on Eagle street Friday evening. About 80 people were present. The event was held in consequence of the opening of a new parlor which is an addition to the club's quarters. Refreshments were served and a general good time was held.
—There has been a division in the Schubert Orchestra club. A part of the players remain with Byron G. Briggs, the leader, and will retain the name, while the larger number have gone under the leadership of Professor Monroe and the organization will be known as Monroe's orchestra.
—A joint installation of the C. D. Sanford post and its auxiliaries will be held in the opera house hall of the G. A. R. building on Tuesday evening. Exercises will begin at 7.45 o'clock. There will be a

BLACKINTON.

William Howells is home from Boston where he went to be treated for a slight throat trouble.
Rev. J. H. Spencer of North Adams will take for his subject for Sunday's sermon at the Blackinton church: "Anxiety for Souls."
The Y. P. S. C. E. have been given a written lease of the Blackinton hall for one year by O. A. Archer.
Librarian O. A. Archer has had the books in the free library rearranged and some new book cases built, making it much more convenient for the patrons of the library.
At a meeting held in school hall Friday evening by the Welsh residents of this vicinity the following committee was appointed to arrange for the proper observance of St. David's day, March 1: Harry R. Hamer, chairman; Edward J. Hughes, secretary; Richard Davis, Alfred Jones, John H. Williams and John Owens of Blackinton, and H. R. Hamer and John Williams of Braytonville. It was also voted to hold annual meeting on the last Friday of March. The committee will begin at once to arrange for the coming banquet.
Some few years ago a chapel was built and paid for by Chin Choo, China, with money raised by the Greylock Union of Christian Endeavor societies. A Bible woman was maintained there by the above union until the financial depression came when it was voted to discontinue her services. During the past two weeks considerable interest has been awakened over the re-establishing of a Bible woman at the Greylock chapel in China and on Sunday a collection will be taken up in the Blackinton church for that purpose. The taking up of the collection is in no way connected with Greylock union but is the work of local members of the Y. P. S. C. E., who have been assured of substantial assistance by members of the Blackinton church. Let all contribute at least a mite as every little will help along this good work.

School Superintendent's Report.

The annual report of I. F. Hall, superintendent of schools, is nearly completed and the statistics it contains will be of great interest. Preceding his report in the city report soon to be issued, will be a report of the school committee, in which will be stated the detailed cost of the Johnson and Braytonville schools. The cost of the Braytonville building is placed at \$38,865.93; land, surveying and grading, \$3,745.50; furnishing, \$2,414.93, or a total of \$45,026.36. This leaves a balance of \$3,518.83 of the appropriation for that building unexpended.
The Johnson street school cost \$36,243.10; land, surveying and grading, \$1,469.40; furnishing, \$2,872.39, making a total of \$40,584.89. This leaves a balance of the appropriation unexpended of \$1,243.51.
In the Brayton school of 193 pupils are enrolled, against 157 a year ago, and the Johnson school shows an enrollment of 419, against 316 a year ago. The increase in attendance at the Deaver school the past year has been 50 per cent., while a 40 per cent. increase has been experienced at the Mark Hopkins school.
The total enrollment of pupils in the city is 3,735, an increase of 251 over last year. The present attendance is 2,981, which is an increase over last year of 245, showing a decrease of pupils leaving school during the course. The increase in the number of pupils attending the high school has been 209 per cent. in the past 10 years.
Among other things in his report Superintendent Hall calls attention to the need of a new high school building.

A Peanut Question.

Why is it that you get the best peanuts at Sully's? It is because he buys the best and knows how to roast them. If they should not be good to eat the first time, try them again, for they are fresh roasted daily.

Pyrocuria.

An absolute cure for piles. A home remedy, endorsed by home people. North Adams druggists sell it.

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Pyrocuria cures catarrh and all nasal troubles by its wonderful healing action upon inflamed and diseased membranes. North Adams druggists sell it.

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Among the Churches.
CONGREGATIONAL.
The Sunday morning service will be especially for the King's Daughters. The pastor will preach. Regular services will be held Sunday evening. The subject will be "Who is the Lord's Saviour?"
Next Sunday the pastor will exchange pulpits with Rev. J. L. Scudder of Jersey City, N. J. His pastor of the famous "People's Palace," and a recognized leader of the Congregational church. He will, preach morning and evening and will speak on "The Institutional Church."
Wednesday evening the Fisk jubilee singers will give a concert.
METHODIST.
The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening. The fourth quarterly conference will be held Tuesday evening. Presiding Elder Griffin of Troy, N. Y., will preside. The Canadian jubilee singers will give a concert Wednesday evening.
BAPTIST CHURCH.
The pastor's subject for Sunday morning will be "Paul's Anxiety for Souls." In the evening J. H. Balmer and his African children will be present and life in South Africa will be narrated. The Father Lights will hold a business meeting Wednesday evening. J. H. Balmer and his African children will give a concert Monday evening.

UNIVERSALIST.
The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening. Miss Kate Arnold will sing at the Congregational church in exchange with Miss Elva Brown of that church.
Y. M. C. A.
The boys' meeting will be held at the rooms at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Fred Burnham will lead.

Among the Merchants
Jaffu's water sale began today and will continue until the \$5000 worth of damaged goods are sold. Prices have been put at the lowest notch and bargains abound. Special prices on meats at Zeiser's market tonight.
Housekeepers will find much to interest them in the prices advertised by the Boston store.
Five hundred pounds of fine Vermont creamery butter are offered at an attractive price at Benson's.
It's not too late to change the Sunday dinner program and take advantage of Tower's poultry sale.
Barns' will continue to give a 10-cent place with every dollar's worth bought as a retort.
Brown's Marshall street market stretches as some prices that are basket stretchers.

President Dole of Hawaii.

It is now announced officially that President Dole of Honolulu is to pay President McKinley a visit respecting the annexation of the Hawaiian islands. Sanford Blackinton Dole is a graduate of Williams college, and no doubt will pay his alma mater a visit while in this country. He was a classmate of Wallace Freeman, and when Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were visiting these islands they were entertained by Mr. Dole and family. No doubt if President Dole should visit Williamsstown he could be prevailed upon to give the people of this city a lecture on those islands, at least it would be worth an effort to try and secure President Dole for an evening.

Ice Business Sold.

The Hudson Brook ice business, owned by the late Bert Lamb, has been sold to J. A. Twing, formerly of the ice firm of J. H. Orr & Co. Mr. Twing has taken possession and is preparing for the harvest at the pond near the Natural Bridge. He has set up a steam engine to operate the elevator and if the weather is suitable cutting and storing will soon begin.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The public is cordially invited to this evening's free entertainment.
Tickets for the entertainment by the Park sisters will go on sale at Hastings' drug store Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The boys illustrated bible class will meet Monday evening.

NEW DRESS FABRICS.

It is announced that ginghams are to occupy an important position in the line of spring cotton goods. Small plaids will be a favorite design.
Percales will be seen next season. No end of pretty, odd designs will make the goods unusually attractive, and it will be used for shirt waists and children's dresses.
In silks moirés will be in great demand for the coming season. Lightweight silks will be much worn, and the range of color and variety of design make it easy for one to select a charming gown.
Mode color promises to be again popular. Six new and especially pretty shades have recently appeared in Paris and were at once sought for because of the beauty and softness of their dyeing.
Dress goods showing braided effects are exceedingly popular. On colored grounds the designs are black in wavy and zigzag sash-like effects. The material is an all wool satin finish. The favorite grounds are brown, green, heliotrope, blue and red.
Light tissue materials in medium qualities will be in demand another season. Chiffons, gauzes, nets, liberty silk and mousselines in endless variety of coloring will be seen in the stores and for evening wear will prove both satisfactory and stylish.
In Paris among the new color combinations in plaids are seen two lines of dark shades appearing on lighter grounds. Gray is seen on backgrounds of light blue, white, pale pink and heliotrope. A novel plaid showed threads of dark blue in combination with bright green, red, white and clear yellow.

There are

ashabout as many remedies as there are colds. Some try to cure by stimulating the liver and bowels, some resort to quinine, some use stimulants, or pin their faith to hot drinks or foot baths. There is a foundation for the use of them all. A cold means derangement of the entire system. While all of these remedies may help they are apt to fall short of a cure.

Ashman's Sure COUGH Cure 25c.

Against the right action on the entire system. It does what you are trying to do with all these other remedies—and more. It relieves quickly and cures thoroughly. TRY IT. If it doesn't cure—your money back.

North Adams Drug Co. 93 Main Street.

Poultry Supplies

Animal Meat, Crystal Grit, Ground Oyster Shells, —And— Prolific Poultry Food, —AT— J. M. DARBY'S Hardware Store.

A New Book Typewriter.

Much local interest has been shown during the past few days in a new typewriter which C. C. Isbell of Hallowell & Isbell's drug store has in his office. It is a machine whose purpose is to do type-writing in bound books, ledgers, dockets and all kinds of record books, and on heavy card-boards. It can also be used equally well for writing on letter paper, like the ordinary typewriter.

The machine is made by the firm of Elliott & Hatch of New York, Mr. Hatch, who is Mr. Isbell's brother-in-law, having improved the original invention of Mr. Elliott, and made possible its manufacture. It was first patented in 1886, and has many patents running through '96 and '97. It has also been patented in all European countries.
The principle of the machine is simple. The ordinary typewriter brings the paper to the writing point, and the type bars strike up to it, the paper being rolled for each line. On the Elliott and Hatch machine the writing point is carried to the paper, and strikes down upon it, the carriage being moved along with each letter and down the sheet for each line. The book on which it is wished to write is placed under the carriage of the machine in a frame. For writing letters the sheet of paper is placed on a solid bed, and written upon as easily and quickly as with an old style machine. Stiff paper and card-board which will not go into an ordinary machine is also written upon in the same way.

The difference from the ordinary typewriter therefore consists in the fact that the whole machine, rather than the paper carriage, moves in the writing. It allows in this way records to be typewritten directly into the huge books kept by business firms and governments. There has been a demand for such a machine since the introduction of the typewriter, which has never been met until now.

To show that this machine has met the need successfully, the records of its use already are sufficient. It is at present used by the United States government and the city of New York in their various departments, and by several of the largest railroad companies. Mr. Hatch is now in Europe introducing it, and the governments at Glasgow, London, Paris, Rome and other cities have begun to use it. So large has been the demand that the factory, although it employs 200 men, is unable to fill its orders. Those which have been sent out are merely samples, therefore, and the use of the machine promises to become almost universal in the large business and government office. That of Mr. Isbell is the only one which has been sent to this region.

Death of Mrs. C. V. Parker.

Sarah, wife of Charles V. Parker of 33 Brooklyn street, died Friday night at the age of 63 years. She had been afflicted with paralysis for a long time and her death was not unexpected. She was a kind and neighborly woman and was respected and esteemed by those who knew her. The funeral will be held at the House Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. W. L. Tenney officiating.

Diseases often lurk in the blood before they openly manifest themselves. Therefore keep the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Louis Martin, late of North Adams, in said county of Berkshire, deceased, intestate. Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Charles H. Jemmette of said Adams, in said county of Berkshire, and said Charles H. Jemmette is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the North Adams Daily Transcript, a newspaper published in said North Adams, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.
Witness, Edward T. Shoom, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight. FRED R. SHAW, Register.

Cresco Corsets.
The only corset that cannot break at the hips. Ask to see it at W. J. Taylor's Boston Store.
"Calman's "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.
To-Night and To-Morrow Night,
And each day and night during this week you can get at any druggist's Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, acknowledged to be the most successful remedy ever sold for Coughs, Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption. Get a bottle today and keep it always in the house, so you can check your cold at once. Price 25c. and 50c. Sample bottle free.

Mrs. L. E. Church
of No. 6 North Church Street, has opened a salesroom for her

Home Bakery

No. 20 EAGLE STREET.
where she will be pleased to see her old customers and hopes by courteous treatment to gain a share of public patronage. Milk for sale.

M. A. Church, Commission House

DEALER IN
Musical Merchandise, Sheet Music and Musical Instruments.
Goods of all kinds taken and sold on commission.
29 EAGLE STREET.

Most People

LIKE PIE. We have a nice assortment of Dried FRUITS.

Apricots, Peaches, Blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, plums, prunes, evaporated and green apples, home-made mince meat and a fine stock of cranberries.

California, Navel and Florida Oranges. Our store and prices will bear inspection. Try our Maple Syrup.

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The Court Has Decided Trading Stamp Business Is Legal.

The following merchants are now ready to deliver stamps to all who trade with them;

- NORTH ADAMS.**
Art Goods.
E. M. Dickinson, 98 Main.
F. L. Tilton, 87 Main.
Bicycles.
E. Vadnais, 44 Center.
Books and Stationery.
F. G. Fountain, Bank street.
Boots, Shoes and Rubbers.
H. P. Murdoch, 7 Eagle.
F. N. Ray, 1 Burlingame Block, Main st.
Carpets, Rugs, Etc.
J. H. Cody, 22 to 30 Eagle.
Carriages and Sleighs.
E. Vadnais, 44 Center.
Cigars, Tobacco and Smokers' Articles.
T. M. Calman, 55 Eagle.
J. F. Collins, 48 State.
Cloaks, Suits and Furs.
New York Cloak and Suit Co., 29 Eagle.
Clothing.
Barnard & Co., Blackinton Block.
Coal and Wood.
Wm. C. Baxter & Co., 53 Holden.
Confectionery.
W. J. McNeill, 33 Eagle and 93 Main.
F. L. Tilton, 87 Main.
Grocery, Glass and Lamps.
J. H. Cody, 22 to 30 Eagle.
Tower & Porter, 31 Eagle.
Domestic Goods.
Boston Store (W. J. Taylor), Blackinton Block, Main st.
Dress Goods.
Boston Store (W. J. Taylor), Blackinton Block, Main st.
Dry Goods.
Boston Store (W. J. Taylor), Blackinton Block, Main st.
Druggists.
J. H. Krum, Jr., Chase Block, River st.
J. A. Rice, corner Main and Eagle.
William H. House Drug Store, Wilson House Block (Hamblin & Isbell).
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Fancy Goods and Notions.
Boston Store (W. J. Taylor), Blackinton Block, Main st.
Fish, Oysters and Glams.
W. B. Kezer, 49 Holden st.
Furniture.
J. H. Cody, 22 to 30 Eagle st.
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Furs, Robes, Gloves.
F. N. Ray, 1 Burlingame Block, Main st.
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F. E. Benson, Market, corner Marshall and Main st.
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A. G. Parker is at home for a few days. Mrs. Joshua Ladd continues very feeble in health.

Arthur Haley is able to be out of doors again.

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Revival services are being held in the M. E. church this week.

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Ed. Potter is now a grandpa to a fine daughter, Shake, Edward, and will light a cigar on it.

The ride by a mill party to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ryan of Williamstown was necessarily postponed on account of the rain.

PLAINFIELD.

The lyceum which was held Friday evening, January 7, did not pass off very promptly. A part of the debaters were absent and there seemed to be a lack of interest. Perhaps the next one will be enough better to make up.

The storm in this vicinity was quite severe. There is snow enough now but it is not in the right shape. Too many drifts to make good sleighing.

Mr. Rogers of North Ashfield was in town last week for several days packing apples at H. S. Packard's. He boarded at Mr. Joy's. The apples were in good condition and will be shipped to Boston very soon.

Miss Anna G. Sears who has been home for three weeks has returned to her school in Wilbraham.

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Men think them but a book, a flower,
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A dull botanic, withered thing!

Nemo knew that these be wizards twin,
An elfin flower, a book of spells,
That in your quarto, dark with stain
And frayed with years, a dryad dwells.

I need no warlock's spire of steam,
No inkly pool or crystal sphere,
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The walls, the window, fainter grow,
The chimneys, framed against the gray.
The turmoil of the street below
Sunk to a murmur, dies away.

I see the sun glints steal along
Forn tasseled paths when morn is new.
I hear the blackcap thrill with song,
A western woodland wet with dew.

Wind kisses, born from dreamland, breathe
Through valleys where bland waters glide,
And creeping mists, scent laden, breathe
Dim reaches where the otters hide.

A partridge calls, a curlew cries,
A shudder runs from toe to toe,
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To so foregather, host and guest,
True lovers of the country both.

Men think them but a book, a flower,
The musings of the angling king,
Fine reading for an idle hour,
A dull botanic, withered thing!

Nemo knew that these be wizards twin,
An elfin flower, a book of spells,
That in your quarto, dark with stain
And frayed with years, a dryad dwells.

I need no warlock's spire of steam,
No inkly pool or crystal sphere,
To see my vision, dream my dream,
I have my own familiars here.

The walls, the window, fainter grow,
The chimneys, framed against the gray.
The turmoil of the street below
Sunk to a murmur, dies away.

I see the sun glints steal along
Forn tasseled paths when morn is new.
I hear the blackcap thrill with song,
A western woodland wet with dew.

Wind kisses, born from dreamland, breathe
Through valleys where bland waters glide,
And creeping mists, scent laden, breathe
Dim reaches where the otters hide.

A partridge calls, a curlew cries,
A shudder runs from toe to toe,
A great cloud shadow drifts away
The azure of the sovereign sea.

I smell the scent of opening whin,
I tread the fern on Quantock's crest,
For out from London's muck and din
I've wandered to the well-loved west.
—Walter J. Purton in Longman's Magazine.

FOUND IN THE ICE.

On the 7th day of October, 1859, the ship Princess left Australia for London with a cargo of wool and other articles valued at \$250,000. She had in her treasure room gold in dust, bars and coin aggregating \$1,500,000. As she was one of the largest and finest of the Australian liners, she was crowded with passengers, the list counting up over 300. Six days after sailing the Princess was spoken by a craft bound to the east, but that was the last heard of her for many long years. When she did reach Cape Horn, the vessel was sent out to search for her, but though this search continued for a year and hundreds of other craft kept watch as they voyaged to and fro, not the slightest trace of the lost ship was discovered.

It was finally concluded that she had struck a floating wreck in midocean and gone down so suddenly that no one could escape. Had she sprung a leak or caught fire a part of her people must have got away in the boats, and it could be figured on that at least one would have reached some island or been picked up. Aside from the money loss there were many prominent people among the passengers, and there was mourning in England and Australia for many a month after the ship was posted as lost.

In June, 1868, 16 years after the loss of the Princess, I was one of the crew of the Boston whaler Talisman, which was trying the cruising ground to the south of Cape Horn. We had had a fair run of luck, when we got a gale from the north which lasted for four days and nights without a break. This drove us away south among the ice, and a dozen different compasses the ship was within a hair's breadth of being cast away or overwhelmed. After the fourth day of the gale there was a calm lasting 30 hours. During this interval the Talisman lay between two monster icebergs, with her bows down and ready to tow her out of the way should they close in on her. Then we got a strong breeze from the east, which lasted for a day and went clear around the compass to the west.

Sometimes we lay moored to a berg for several hours, again we were putting among the great cakes of ice, which threatened every moment to crush in her sides. We had been driving to the south-east for three days, when the breeze fell and left us on a heaving sea, with a monster iceberg about two miles away to the south.

The ship had thus far sustained little damage, but the crew were exhausted with the hard work and constant vigilance. The men were given an all day's rest, and no incident occurred until late in the afternoon. This mass of ice had a front to a mile long, on our side, with an average height of 300 feet. What its width we could not say. Over it was floating a quantity of smoke. The smoke did not rise from its crest, but from the far side. No one doubted that it came from a fire lit by shipwrecked sailors, who had caught sight of the Talisman and were making her a signal.

The third mate and three men were ordered off in one of the whaleboats to investigate, and I was one of the three selected. We made with us a breaker of fresh water, a bottle of rum, bread, meat, blankets, a boat compass and a lantern, and darkness fell as we pulled away from the ship.

We pulled to pass the western face of the berg, and found it to be about half a mile long. As we reached its southern limit and turned to the east we caught sight of a small fire on a ledge about 100 feet above the water. As soon as we got up to it the mate hailed, and was promptly answered that there were two men on the ledge, one of whom had a broken leg. Thereupon I was ordered to remain by the boat and hold on, while the mate and the two men landed on the berg and began making their way up to the ledge.

The evening was perfectly quiet, and there was no surf on the south side of the berg, but the tragedy that followed was brought about from causes far down in the depths of the sea. The men had not yet reached the ledge with the great berg suddenly came to the north and to prevent the boat being lifted out of the water I had to let go of the painter, which had a turn around a lump of ice. As I did so I was shot away to a distance of 200 feet and flung down on the thwarts. I had just got an oar in my hands when the berg came back at me, and there was such a cracking, crashing and groaning that I was frightened almost to death. Hundreds of pieces of ice fell into the sea around me, and I heard cries of terror from the men who had landed.

In my fright I may have pulled the boat some distance away, or the sound of the waves may have carried her beyond danger. Be that as it may, the berg split far in half with a report like that of a dozen cannons fired at once, and each half turned bottom side up. This movement kicked up a tremendous sea for a few minutes, and anything but a whaleboat would have been swamped out of hand. I must have been driven a mile or more to the south by the waves.

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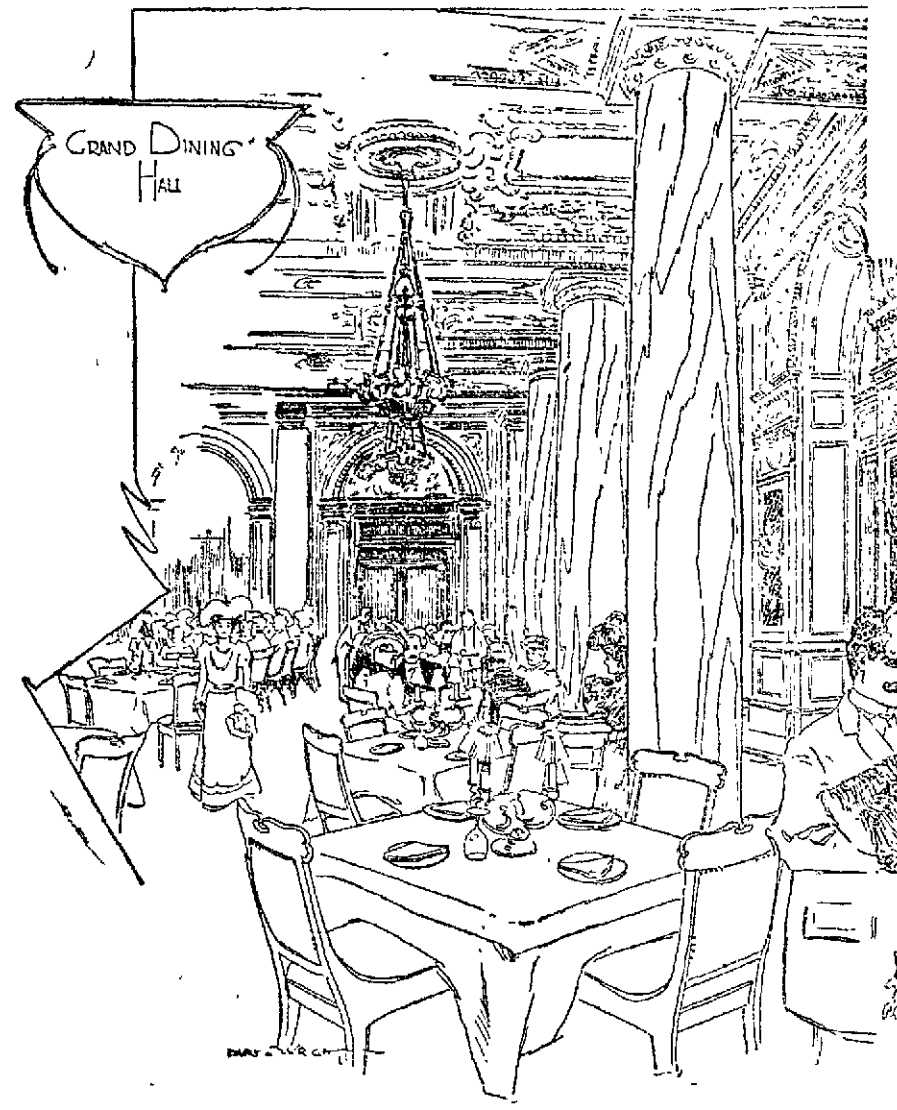
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"BEHIND THE SCENES" IN A GREAT HOTEL.

Wonders of the Waldorf-Astoria Management--An Army of 1,400 Employees--The Great Kitchen and the Intricate Electrical Installation--A Monthly Pay Roll of \$50,000.

It is pretty well known that the new Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York is the biggest and most expensive hotel in the world. That which can be seen from the front of the house by



guests has been described more or less, but little is known of the marvelous and stupendous organization of human and mechanical forces "behind the scenes."

The "help" of the Waldorf-Astoria

numbers between 1,200 and 1,400. The pay roll averages not far from \$50,000 a month or \$600,000 a year. This does not, however, represent the total outlay for help, since every employee is fed on the premises three times a day, food of first quality, especially cooked, being furnished. Terrapin, game, champagne, and the like are not included, but the beef is as prime, the bread as light and

the vegetables as fresh as those furnished to the guests, and there is plenty.

At the lowest estimate the management furnishes 3,600 hearty meals a day, or 1,314,000 every year, to employees, and the dining rooms of the help are among the features of the basement story. One of these rooms is reserved for the regular waiters, and the fact that there is a corps of waiters' waiters is worthy of note.

In addition to the minimum of 3,600 a day for the employees, the daily capacity of the kitchen is at least 8,000 meals for guests, that number having been served repeatedly. Bearing this in mind, the statements that the yearly meat bills of the Waldorf-Astoria will probably amount to \$100,000, that 150 pounds of coffee are used daily, that the average daily consumption of tomatoes is 200 pounds and that other items are of proportionate magnitude need not be thought surprising.

The "stock" for soups--to take one item in detail--has hitherto been prepared in a 60 gallon steam boiler, but since the opening of the Astoria this has been found too small, and another

one of 100 gallons capacity is now being put in. It is expected that the average daily consumption will nearly equal the combined capacity of both.

These are only a few among a hundred novel points about this big kitchen. The part played by electricity's mystic current is still more interesting. It not only carries guests, freight, food and drink from floor to floor, conveys intelligence over telephones, telegraph and plain push button wires and lights the combined houses from subcellar to roof, but it ventilates every room and corridor with blowers and exhaust fans. There are 19 freight and passenger elevators, a dozen or so dumb waiters, nearly 30,000 incandescent bulbs, telephones by the score and bells by the thousand. The installation is modeled more on the "central station" than the "isolated plant" plan and is worked in two divisions, one for light and power and the other for the telephone and signaling systems.

The dynamo is of 2,200 horsepower, and the complicated switchboard is 50 feet long. Everything is in duplicate. Engines might break down and dynamo burn out without any one "in front" knowing of the trouble save in the practically impossible contingency of everything giving out at the same time. Even then, unless the repairs required two days or more, there would be no break in the electrical service since the dynamo are re-enforced by a gigantic storage battery in which a 48 hours' supply of energy is constantly kept in reserve. The storage battery current is used also as an equalizer, and that is why the lights of the Astoria never flicker and the elevators never jerk.

The dynamos are run by six great Corliss engines operated at the comparatively slow rate of 50 and 100 revolutions a minute. The steam boilers are of 3,000 horsepower in the aggregate, and 40 tons of coal are burned a day. Steam is used directly only in operating the cooling and ice-making plant. This has a freezing capacity of 20 tons of ice every 24 hours, besides 5,000 carafes of drinking water.

This water is taken from the city mains, but is filtered and distilled before used. The furnaces under the steam boilers are automatically fed, and the stokers work in an atmosphere of perfect comfort. The heating of the house is done with exhaust steam, and the

the same dealers, but never from individual producers, as then the quality might vary. Top wholesale prices are paid, and if the quality falls below the best a change is made at once. The managers of the Waldorf-Astoria say they have no time to listen to explanations.

The vast wine cellar, where innumerable jugs are bottled up for future use, the perfect organization of the bellboy, hallboy and porter forces, the almost exhaustless amusement re-

The highest priced suit may be had for \$100 a day. This includes service, but no meals. The American plan is not used at the Waldorf-Astoria. The cheapest rooms are \$2.50 a day for one person; \$3.50 for two. You can get a good, plain meal for less than \$1; two persons may breakfast for \$1.50. A man and his wife could live comfortably there for \$10 a day. The limit of what they might spend has never been figured out, for they may eat wild duck at \$7 a bird and pay \$2 a bottle for wine, while the husband may smoke \$3 cigars.

There are six housekeepers, each from \$90 to \$125 a month each. All the women "help" sleep in the hotel. At the men sleep out. Fifty-six men do nothing but clean and wash at \$27 a month and board. Waiters get \$25 and food. The highest salary is paid to the chief engineer.

Over 100 to many statements that the Astoria are really proprietors, that the Astoria is only a hired manager, and that the hotel is run at a loss, it is positively stated that the hotel is already paid for by a handsome profit. Mr. John's right hand man, who superintends all the details of the "back of the house" and much of the front, is Superintendent T. L. Hilliard.

All the Comforts of Home.

The circumstance that Ogden Mills has a bar in his country house near New York has caused an unusual amount of chatter, but is not so very extraordinary. In an establishment where from 10 to 20 guests are constantly on hand the demand for various kinds of mixed drinks is necessarily large, and there appears to be no good reason why the demand should not be satisfied in a regular and orderly way, rather than sporadically and occasionally, as would, under every-day conditions, be the case.

At Baltimore, Queen Victoria's residence in the Scottish Highlands, there is no bar, but for the obvious reason that Englishmen do not make the same general use of mixed drinks that we do. But each suite of guest rooms has a sideboard containing liquors of all kinds--brandy, whisky, gin, etc.; lemonade, sugar and other materials, soda water, whisky, apollinaris, etc.--so that the visitor need not even ring his bell to be supplied with creature comforts.

Mr. Mills' idea is a far better one. The guest rings his bell when he wants a drink, and it is brought. There is no display of intoxicants, as in the house of England's queen, where facilities for bibbing are as much fixtures of one's quarters as the furniture itself.

Of course Ogden Mills' guests do not line themselves up along the mahogany and all take a drink together before marching in to dinner. It is merely a room set aside for the greater convenience of "compounding drinks and not a place for rendezvous and carousal.

The production of india rubber in Mexico is attracting attention, and it is announced that factories are to be established in the city of Mexico.

creation, unmanly and public disorder. Fighting a rat himself, he inspired all those around him with his own rage. On the afternoon of Dec. 21 three strangers--French, English and American--were brought before him to tell him that the British had landed on the peninsula before the city. On learning the truth, he drew his sword up to its full height and shouting that famous expletive "By the Eternal," he struck his clenched fist on the table and added, "they shall not sleep on our soil."

Then, turning to his staff, he said: "Gentlemen, the British are below. We must fight this tonight."

One hour sufficed to dispatch battle orders, swallow a mouthful of rice and snatch a dose on a sofa.

At 6 o'clock three forces were moving

peering to see his rival fall, instead of which Jackson stood still, erect and took deliberate aim at his foe. His pistol snapped, but he recapped it for the fatal shot.

Dickinson's bullet had broken two ribs and raked the breastbone, but Jackson made no sign until his second noticed that his shoe was filled with blood. Jackson enfolded secretly upon him and hurried from the field, first, however, the aid of his surgeon and a bottle of wine to the dying man. But he refused to allow Dickinson, who had been so proud of his marksmanship, the satisfaction of knowing that his shot had really taken effect.

But it was in a sublime field that Andrew Jackson displayed the fighter's quality of readiness. No parallel of fighting energy has ever been displayed in the history of the world's battles to equal Jackson's record at New Orleans.

He reached the city at the end of a ten mile journey on horseback at a time when he was worn with disease and

the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans is come again and the Jacksonian spirit prevails.

The very name of Andrew Jackson brings before the mind of even the most casual reader of American history the idea of a man ready to fight at the drop of the hat. Throughout his whole life there can be noted the savage impetuosity that is aroused at a moment's notice by antagonism, challenge, impediment or opposition. Fight first, then arbitrate, was his notion of doing things, and above all he meant to get in the first blow.

This idea of his of always striking the first blow whenever possible was responsible for many of his victories, both in public as a soldier and in private life before he donned the uniform of the United States army. While he was still a mere boy an officer of the army threatened to whip him for some trifling offense. "All right," retorted the youngster, "but first prepare to meet your God."

Once, during the progress of a law trial, Jackson's rival, one Avery, was summing up in language very derogatory if not actually insulting to him personally. For awhile he sat fuming an old lawbook, one ear taking in the points of law, the other making a note of the degrees of abuse hurled at him by his adversary. At last the shaft of satire struck home, and, tearing a leaf from the book, he wrote a challenge and handed it to Avery while he was still going on with his speech. Later, while the jury was considering the law case, the counsel were settling their side of it on the field of honor outside the building.

An affair he once had with a bully during his student days at Nashville shows his impetuosity and readiness for a fight still more distinctly. His opponent, who was of immense proportions, rushed at him like a bull. Jackson saw at a glance his own disadvantage in size and experience, but not for a single moment did he flinch on that account. Hastily snatching a stake from the ground he met the fellow half way, holding his weapon at charge bayonet. He caught the bully "below the belt" with the sharp point of the stake and of course doubled him up.

In his quarrel with Dickinson, after the passing of the challenge, Jackson wanted the duel to take place at once. Dickinson's friends asked for a week's delay, giving as excuse that they had no pistols ready. Jackson replied through his seconds: "If you cannot obtain pistols, we pledge you a choice of ours. Let me hear from you immediately." What Dickinson really wanted was time for practice, although he was already a crack shot, and he wouldn't have let the date. On the morning of the duel he cut a string at eight paces, the distance agreed on.

Dickinson had the advantage for the agreement was that the principals were to be at will on the word. Jackson realized that for once he was entered in a contest where he must act in his work list, Dickinson fired on the instant, and then stood astounded, ex-

and then with Miss Godelet--has been ordered into quod for default in payment of a heavy bill of \$250. The gentleman with a strawberry leaf coronet is in a predicament similar to that of the individual who, digging for a woodchuck, was asked if he thought he would get it, and answered: "Got it! I've got to get it. We're out of meat!"

The combined age of the men who acted as pallbearers at the funeral of James Hughley himself (he was 65) at Grace Methodist Episcopal church, Indianapolis, is 455 years. The men and their ages are as follows: T. M. Chu,

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COASTING NOTICE.

The commissioner of public works, James E. Hunter, has set aside the following streets on which coasting will be permitted: Hall, Meadow, Lawrence avenue, East Brooklyn, Walnut, south of corner, East Main, east of Kemp avenue and Dover street.

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ALMSHOUSE CONTROL

Charged With Mismanagement By State Board of Lunacy and Charity.

A SEVERE CRITICISM GIVEN

In the Annual Report Just Issued. Overseer of the Poor Woodhead Defends the Institution. Comments on Adams and Williamstown.

The management of the almshouse is severely criticized and accused of incompetence by the state board of lunacy and charity which has been issued within the last few days. The accusations are startling, and put the local almshouse management in a worse light than those of any of the other Western Massachusetts cities and towns. The board made its inspection on October 9 of last year, and the text of their report is as follows:

"The general condition of this almshouse, although it is comparatively new and quite well arranged, is very unsatisfactory. Throughout it shows mismanagement and a lack of executive ability. There is a want of cleanliness and good order, and although the house has been occupied but a few years there is an abundance of vermin brought in from the old building upon the beds and bedding, which were retained through unwise economy. There is provision for complete separation of the sexes, but this has been made useless by leaving the attic doors open, so that the inmates go from one part of the house to another. There are 23 inmates, three being insane. The warden and matron receive a salary of \$750."

W. H. Woodhead, overseer of the poor and city almoner, was seen this morning in regard to the report, which he had just received, and expressed great surprise that it was so harsh. He considered the almshouse in much better condition than it was the previous year, this fact being borne out, he said, by the report, which was much less sweeping in its criticisms than the report of a year before.

The charge that the house is not kept clean he does not consider just. The statement concerning the vermin is entirely true, but the responsibility rests, he says, with a previous management, which moved the furnishings of the old house into the new one without sufficient care. The matter of the separation of the sexes he considers to be free from criticism, since the quarters are entirely separated. The attic doors leading from one to the other are kept locked, and keys are held only by Keeper Tilley and the janitor. When Mr. Woodhead first came into the department, he found that the hired man had been sleeping in a room adjoining the women's quarters, for protection and safety of the women in case of fire. He changed this by putting water pails in the quarters and having the janitor sleep elsewhere. Since then there has been no possibility of cause for the criticism made.

Mr. Woodhead said that the order at the almshouse was not of the best, but that it had been improved greatly under the management of Mr. Tilley, who was appointed at the beginning of last year. He found a great lack of discipline among the inmates, and has been unable entirely to change the habits of old inmates. Mr. Woodhead said there had been a continual improvement which he hopes to continue until the house is in a condition next year to cause a good report from the state board.

Williamstown Also Criticized.

The report on the Williamstown almshouse is also a surprise. The buildings are criticized, and the erection of new ones urged, and the discipline is called poor. The people of Williamstown have considered Keeper Metcalf a good man for the position, and there has been no unfavorable comment in the town on the manner in which the few inmates are cared for.

The text of the report based on examination made October 9 follows:

"The buildings used for an almshouse here are totally unfit for the purpose, being old, poorly arranged, and in need of extensive repair. There is no appearance of good order and thrift, the inmates being apparently left to their own devices. The house is cheerless, and poorly furnished. The present warden receives the rental of the farm for his services, and is allowed \$2 per week per capita for the board of the inmates. A suitable almshouse should be erected, and sufficient money appropriated by the town to care for their poor in a respectable manner."

Praise for the Adams Management.

Adams is again criticized severely for not providing better accommodations for its poor, but the management is praised for doing such good work with its equipment. The visit of the board was made October 29, and the report is as follows:

"There has been no improvement in the condition of this almshouse and its surroundings, and considering its poor structural arrangement, much credit is due the matron for the cleanliness and good order of the interior. Although the house is unfit for occupancy and should be abandoned, yet it is overcrowded with inmates, with no prospect of change or improved condition. A detached building, occupied by men, is cared for by one of the women. There are 14 inmates; three men, seven women and four children. None are insane. The same objectionable arrangement for the remuneration of the warden and matron exists as last year, namely, the town makes a weekly allowance of \$2.50 for each inmate, and whatever is saved from this is allowed the warden and matron for their services."

Death at the City Farm.

Amelia Armstrong, wife of Joseph Armstrong, died Friday at the city farm, to which place she was taken Wednesday. Though not supposed to be sick when taken to the farm, she took to her bed shortly after arriving there and never got up again. Her death is supposed to have been due to age and debility. Mrs. Armstrong leaves besides her husband two sons and two daughters. One son lives in this city and the other in Pittsfield. The body was taken to Pittsfield today and will be buried there.

THE GENIUS OF THE ORGAN.

Guilmant's Playing Received With an Ovation Last Evening.

It is needless to say that the organ recital by Alexandre Guilmant at the Methodist church last evening was the most finished organ concert ever heard in this city. The size and enthusiasm of the audience showed the appreciation of local people at the securing of the French master. The power of the noblest of musical instruments was exhibited as never before, and the memory of the wonderful playing will be a source of satisfaction and pleasure to the many who heard it.

The attendance was far larger than was expected, and was most gratifying to those who secured the recital. Fully 1400 people were present, every seat being filled and a number standing through the whole program. And the reception to the organist was enthusiastic indeed. At the suggestion of Prof. Tower the audience rose as Guilmant entered, while the applause was long and hearty. Handkerchiefs were waved and every sign of welcome given. Guilmant had to take his seat at the organ and touch the opening notes of Bach's fugue to quiet his audience, and throughout the concert every number was received with great applause.

Guilmant's playing has no dramatic features. He does not attempt to startle his hearers by the use of novel effects. The beauty of his music is in its subtler appeal to the imagination. The organist seems really to live his own soul into the spirit and harmony of the organ and the theme, and it is only by losing one's self in sympathy with it that one can appreciate the results. The softer selections were Guilmant's favorites, and it was in his sense of reserve power in the instrument to whose limit he never came that he showed his genius.

All the numbers on the program were of the more delicate and imaginative order. There were two of his own compositions. The "Funeral March and Hymn of St. Raphael" was a slight surprise for such a subject owing to the similarity of its idea to that of the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin, the funeral character giving way to the hymn very largely. It was a passionate composition, and the author played it with all the feeling which a composer and musician could give. The "In Paradisum" of Dubois was played, while the rendering of the "First Lux" brought out the wonderful imagery of the idea with all the majesty possible to music.

Guilmant's only concession to popular desire for novelty was in his improvisation on "America," the theme given him. To improvise in any theme is the greatest test of a composer's versatility, and M. Guilmant stood the test well. He paused a moment after the theme was given him by Professor Tower, then played the familiar air through, and immediately dashed into a brilliant series of variations which grew into a more finished harmony as he proceeded to elaborate the theme. This performance was greeted with applause which compelled him to respond several times, and as the most popular of the selections was perhaps the most satisfying to the majority of the audience.

PATENT PLANNER IN USE.

The Pond at Hoosac Valley Park Will be Kept in Order.

The Hoosac Valley Street Railroad company is experimenting with a Papien ice planer, a machine for smoothing the surfaces of skating ponds. It was used very successfully at Hoosac Valley park Friday and the pond was put in prime condition, Samuel Popin of Springfield, the inventor is here and would have given an exhibition of fancy skating at the park this afternoon if it had not been for the storm. The machine is manufactured in Springfield and is in use in many of the principal skating rinks. It is drawn by a horse and has two sharp steel blades which plane the ice down perfectly smooth, making an ideal surface for skating. By the use of this planer the pond can be put in perfect order in three hours and the company will see that skaters do not lack for opportunity hereafter, as interference by snow storm which has been a serious thing in the past, will amount to practically nothing. The machine will be used not only to clear the pond of snow, but also to smooth the surface when it has been rendered rough by much skating.

Assault Case in Court.

The continued case against Joseph McNeine for attempting to commit an indecent assault on Jennie Woodward was heard this morning. Miss Woodward is 15 years old and she alleged that McNeine, who is about 17 years old, assaulted her on Eagle street, Monday evening, December 27. McNeine is deaf and does not speak very well. Lawyer Magenis appeared for the commonwealth and Lawyer Parkhurst for the defense. Judgment was reserved until Monday.

A. Trombley was fined \$5 for drunkenness and the several continued liquor cases against John Buckley and the cases against Mrs. Jennie Hack and Clarinda Davis were again continued until February 10 and January 22, respectively.

School Teachers Elected.

At a meeting of the school board Friday evening teachers were elected as follows for the Houghton school, which will be opened January 31: Principal, Miss Elizabeth M. Flynn of Drury; fifth and sixth grades, Miss Gertrude I. Hulbert of Mark Hopkins school; fourth grade, Miss Cora F. Bratton of the Beaver school; third grade, Miss Mary M. Sheldon of the East Mountain school; second grade, Miss Alice C. Bulkeley of the State street school; first grade, room 1, Miss Marion M. Fulton of Mark Hopkins school; room 2, Miss Eliza Rowan of the Miner school; Miss Mary A. Quinn, formerly a teacher here, but who has been teaching in Williams town for some time, will take Miss Flynn's place at Drury, Miss Ethel M. Winslow of Bangor, Me., will succeed Miss Bulkeley in the State street school and Miss Mary Hart will take the East Mountain school.

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SUDDEN DEATH LAST NIGHT.

Autopsy Shows Cause to Have Been Attempted Abortion.

Lucy Emma McKenzle, the wife of Alexander McKenzle of North Vesia street, died suddenly at her home Friday night. She was nearly 30 years old, and leaves three children living. Mr. McKenzle is a color mixer at the Arnold print works.

The circumstances of the death were suspicious, and Medical Examiner Brown held an autopsy this morning in the presence of Drs. Stafford, Bushnell and M. M. Brown. It was found that the cause of death was an embolism, or the presence of air in the blood vessels, caused by an attempt at abortion. The case will be reported to the district court and the district attorney.

The arrangements for the funeral are for prayers at the house tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock, after which the body will be taken to Lawrence for burial.

Charity Ball Committees.

Gioscia and Gartland's orchestra of Albany has been engaged by the music committee for the charity ball, February 11. This orchestra furnished the music last year. Other arrangements are being made as rapidly as possible by the following committees: Music, Miss Susan Houghton, chairman, Misses Janet Hunter, Florence Canedy; tickets and engraving, Mrs. H. A. Gallup, chairman, Misses Elmore, Stella Cady; printing, Miss Josephine Rice, chairman, Mrs. N. H. Arnold, Miss Alice Barnes; general arrangements, Mrs. A. W. Chippendale, chairman, Mrs. A. H. Barber, Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Miss Frances Owens, H. D. Rockwell, S. Potter, D. A. Russell, Chas. Hyland; decoration, Miss Carrie Read, chairman, Edwin Barlow, assistant, Mrs. A. W. Chippendale, Misses Owens, Hyland, Barnes, Boyd, Ray, Anna Boyd, Butler, Whitely, Noble, Flood, Mrs. George Owens, Mrs. William Armstrong, Jr., Mrs. R. A. L. Watson, Mrs. Archer Barber, Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Misses Alice Houghton and Bertha Fairfield, Newton Bond, Keller Briggs, A. Cleghorn, W. B. Arnold, H. D. Rockwell, D. R. Dewey, D. A. Russell, S. Potter, E. S. Wilkinson, Jr., Chas. Hyland, G. McDonald, C. Reynolds, W. W. Richmond.

Criminal Sitting of Superior Court.

The criminal sitting at the superior court will be convened at Pittsfield on Monday, when it is expected that Judge Maynard of Springfield will be on hand to hear the cases. District Attorney Gardner has the order practically made out, in which he will hear the cases, and the evidence taken before the grand jury is being written out for him by the court stenographer.

This is a list of the jurors who will hear the criminal cases:

Charles A. Howland, Manly H. Sherman, Thomas Barrett of Adams; George F. Taylor of Becket, John Chaplin, Jr. of Cheshire, Waltes Kirohner of Dalton, Frank Van Dusen of Egremont, George A. Lees of Florida, Edward B. Thomas, Curtis W. Baldwin of Great Barrington, Alfred E. Gavitt of Hancock, Charles H. Deming of Lanesborough, Thomas Norton of Lee, Henry Miller of Lenox, James Lindsey of Richmond, Edwin L. Carver, Allen Peck, Jonathan Haight, Frederick A. Hand and John M. Stearns of Pittsfield; George E. Cook of Sheffield; John M. Cooper and Lewis Chamberlin of Stockbridge; Casimere Noel and Napoleon J. Barron of Williamstown; Morris Gatslock, Frank J. Carrington, Charles E. Whitney, A. M. Whipple and Charles A. Card of this city.

First Fire of the Season.

A slight fire in the building at 16 State street, occupied until recently by Peter Sorrell's restaurant, caused the sudden postponement this morning of the opening of the "Edison parlors." C. S. Ray, the manager, has rented the room for a month, and had just gotten his various appliances, kinetoscope, phonograph, and tableaux in position ready for opening, and stepped outside to sweep away the snow, when a curtain in front of the tableaux caught fire, and the room filled with blaze and smoke. The department responded to the alarm, which was turned in at 11.10, and the fire was extinguished by the chemical. Little damage was done except to the tableaux of the Passion Play of Ober-Ammergau, five of the pictures of which were burned. It was at first thought that the fire caught from a lamp, but this afternoon the manager found that it probably started from an overheated stove pipe. There was a small insurance on the building. Manager Ray will open the show in a few days.

Farnam-Witt Wedding.

Albert S. Farnam of Cheshire and Mrs. Emily P. Witt were married Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Witt, 15 Witt avenue. The wedding was quiet, only the families of the contracting parties being present. The house was prettily trimmed with flowers and the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Tebbetts. Following the ceremony a collation was served. Mr. and Mrs. Farnam are stopping for the present at 15 Witt avenue. They contemplate a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., in the near future, and will probably make their home in Cheshire, where Mr. Farnam is a well known and prosperous business man, being a member of the firm of Farnam Bros., who manufacture lime on a large scale. Mrs. Farnam has been a resident of this city for years and is well known and highly esteemed. Many friends extend their hearty good wishes.

Pictures Presented to Sanford Post.

Three beautiful pictures were presented to Charles D. Post at his regular meeting Monday evening. The donor was Miss Amy C. Briggs of Holden street. One of the pictures is a beautiful engraving entitled "The First Prayer" in the opening session of the first congress. Another one represents the first inaugural address of George Washington, and the third is a fine picture of Lieut. Harrison Briggs, who served with the 27th regiment the post greatly appreciates the gift, and hopes to be able to decorate their large hall with appropriate pictures.

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Shoulder Roast, Prime Beef, 10c Smoked Shoulders, 8c

3 lbs. Pork Chops, 25c Regular Hams, 8c

3 lbs. Sausages, 25c Skinned Back Hams, 9c

.....CASH ONLY.....

And cash has great buying power at this market. You pay for what you get, and not for what other people get and don't pay for.

Special Saturday Sale of POULTRY!

We have received a large shipment of choice—

TURKEYS and CHICKENS,

Which we will offer at unusual prices. See the stock yourself and be convinced that no better opportunity is offered for a good Sunday Dinner at Little Cost than at this sale.

TOWER'S MARKET,

25 Eagle Street.

---Another Carload of--- 22 Iowa Horses! WILL ARRIVE Sunday Night, Jan. 16,

Consisting of Heavy Teams, Coach, Chunks and Gentlemen's Driving Horses.

These Horses are selected by experienced horsemen and all bought to sell at ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

I believe in selling for small profits and quick returns. Buy your Horses for summer work NOW, as prices are going upward steadily. Every Horse will be just as represented or money refunded. Private sale at

101-2 Main Street. J. A. JOHNSON.

Zeiser's Meat Market.

Cut Prices on Beef, Pork, Etc.

Vermont Chickens, 14c and 15c Pork Sausage, 8c

Positively no Frozen Stock. Skinned Ham, 25c

Pork, all kinds, 8c Pork Tenderloins, 9c

ZEISER'S, 85 Main St.

Formerly Metropolitan Market. All Electrics pass the door.

W. J. Taylor. Boston Store.

A Good Thing! Don't Miss It!

At this season of the year in order to keep us busy we offer extra inducements to buyers. THIS WEEK we place the following special bargains in a Special Sale that means money saving to you. We invite your inspection and candid opinion of qualities and prices.

Household crash 3c, worth 5c. Brown and black crash 5c and 6 1-2c, regular price 8c and 10c. Linen crash 25c, regular price 29c. Extra quality damask 45c, and 50c, regular price 50c and 55c. Best Irish and Scotch damask 65c to \$1.25 yd. Towels, 6 1-4c, 10c, 12c, 15c and 25c, extra value. Napkins, a big drive. 75 dozen napkins, extra quality and size, \$1.50, worth \$2 doz. Turkey red table covers, 2 1-2 yds long 87c. Bleached and brown sheeting, lowest prices ever quoted.

75 Ladies' Jackets (direct from a large manufacturer) must be sold. Prices were \$8, 10 and \$12.50.

Choice \$4.98.

Boston Store.

BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS.